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gram	g	all commonly accepted		mideye-to-tail-fork	METF
hectare	ha	abbreviations	e.g., Mr., Mrs.,	standard length	SL
kilogram	kg		AM, PM, etc.	total length	TL
kilometer	km	all commonly accepted			
liter	L	professional titles	e.g., Dr., Ph.D.,	Mathematics, statistics	
meter	m		R.N., etc.	all standard mathematical	
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mile	mi	Company	Co.	correlation coefficient	
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calorie	cal	United States		probability	P
direct current	DC	(adjective)	U.S.	probability of a type I error	
hertz	Hz	United States of		(rejection of the null	
horsepower	hp	America (noun)	USA	hypothesis when true)	α
hydrogen ion activity	pН	U.S.C.	United States	probability of a type II error	
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ABSTRACT

The North Alaska Peninsula includes the waters of the Bering Sea of the Alaska Peninsula Management Area (Area M) within three miles of the shore from Cape Sarichef on Unimak Island to Cape Menshikof, which borders the Bristol Bay Management Area (Area T). The area is divided into two districts: the Northwestern and Northern districts. Chinook salmon *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*, sockeye salmon *O. nerka*, coho salmon *O. kisutch*, pink salmon *O. gorbuscha*, and chum salmon *O. keta* are harvested in commercial fisheries in the waters of the North Alaska Peninsula. The majority of the sockeye salmon harvest occurs from June through September in the Nelson Lagoon to Strogonof Point area of the North Alaska Peninsula, which includes the Nelson Lagoon, Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik sections. This area is predominately fished by drift and set gillnet gear, with some areas open to purse seine gear. The 2006 commercial salmon harvest on the North Alaska Peninsula was 7,637 Chinook, 2,375,158 sockeye, 93,955 coho, 64,207 pink, and 131,718 chum salmon, and all were above recent harvest averages.

The North Alaska Peninsula sockeye salmon escapement in 2006 was 1,157,546 fish; 215,000 were estimated at Nelson River, 445,000 in Bear River, 48,000 in Sandy River, 88,000 in Ilnik River, 142,610 in river systems draining into Port Heiden, and 101,100 in river systems draining into the Cinder River. Bear River is the largest sockeye salmon producing system in the Alaska Peninsula Management Area. Bear River has two sockeye salmon runs; the early run begins in early June and ends in the latter part of July, while the late run begins in late July and ends in September. Timing of the Nelson, Sandy, Ilnik, Meshik, and Cinder River sockeye salmon runs are similar to the run timing of the Bear River early run.

Key words:

North Alaska Peninsula, Area M, Chinook salmon, *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*, sockeye salmon, *Oncorhynchus nerka*, coho salmon, *Oncorhynchus kisutch*, pink salmon, *Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*, chum salmon, *Oncorhynchus keta*, commercial, escapement, fishery, harvest, Bear River, Sandy River, Nelson River, Ilnik River, Meshik River, Cinder River, Alaska Board of Fisheries.

INTRODUCTION

The North Alaska Peninsula, which is part of the Alaska Peninsula Management Area (Area M), includes the state coastal waters of the Bering Sea from Cape Sarichef on Unimak Island northeast to Cape Menshikof which borders the Bristol Bay Management Area (Area T; Figure 1). This report describes those commercial salmon fisheries that are located on the North Alaska Peninsula which is subdivided into two districts: 1) the Northwestern District, which encompasses the coastal waters from Cape Sarichef to Moffet Point, and 2) the Northern District, which ranges from Moffet Point to Cape Menshikof (Figure 1). Chinook salmon *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*, sockeye salmon *O. nerka*, coho salmon *O. kisutch*, pink salmon *O. gorbuscha*, and chum salmon *O. keta* are all harvested in commercial fisheries in the waters of the North Alaska Peninsula; however, sockeye salmon are the most economically valuable.

Legal commercial salmon fishing gear in the Northwestern and Northern Districts include purse seine (also hand purse seine) and drift and set gillnet gear (ADF&G 2004). The majority of the salmon harvest occurs in the Northern District, specifically within the area from Nelson Lagoon to Strogonof Point (Figure 2). Within this area, many gear restrictions apply: the Nelson Lagoon Section is open to set gillnet and drift gillnet gear only, the Bear River Section to seine and drift gillnet gear, the Three Hills Section to drift gillnet gear only, and the Ilnik Section to set gillnet and drift gillnet gear.

The commercial salmon fishing season opens in most of the Northwestern District on June 1, and in parts of the Northern District on May 1. Generally, the sections of the Northern District have progressively later opening dates from west to east (Figure 3). Scheduled weekly fishing periods occur in most areas and are usually either 6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday (2.5

days/week) or 6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Thursday (3.5 days/week; Table 1). Modifications to weekly fishing periods occur inseason by emergency order.

Escapement into local salmon systems determines the time and area open to commercial fishing. Sockeye salmon are the primary species harvested on the North Alaska Peninsula. During June 1 through September 15 within the Nelson Lagoon to Strogonof Point area, management emphasis is on four sockeye salmon systems: Nelson, Bear, Sandy, and Ilnik rivers. Of these, Nelson and Bear rivers are the dominant systems with the largest sockeye salmon escapements. Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) weir camps located at these four systems provide daily escapement counts that are used to manage commercial fisheries.

ESCAPEMENT BY SPECIES

There are at least 90 salmon streams on the North Alaska Peninsula that are surveyed annually with fixed-wing aircraft. The 2006 North Alaska Peninsula salmon escapements are summarized in Appendix A1 (Chinook, sockeye, pink, and chum salmon numbers are estimated total escapements while coho salmon numbers are peak counts). In 2006, Chinook salmon were observed in 19 streams, sockeye salmon were observed in 54 streams, coho salmon were documented in at least 41 streams, pink salmon in 33 streams, and chum salmon were observed in 59 streams.

CHINOOK

Chinook salmon escapement occurs almost exclusively within streams of the Northern District. The Northwestern District has only three documented Chinook salmon streams while Chinook salmon are found in 18 streams in the Northern District (McCullough 2001). The bulk of the known Chinook salmon escapement occurs in the Nelson, Meshik, and Cinder River systems.

The Nelson River is the only North Alaska Peninsula system with a biological escapement goal (BEG¹) which is 2,400 to 4,400 fish (Nelson et al. 2006). This goal was met with an escapement of 2,516 Chinook salmon during 2006. The 2006 North Alaska Peninsula Chinook salmon escapement was 32,173 fish (Table 2; Appendix A1). This escapement was higher than the 1987-2006 average (17,272 fish), the 1997-2006 average (19,194 fish), and the 2002-2006 average (24,728 fish; Figure 4).

SOCKEYE

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Of the 55 sockeye salmon streams on the North Alaska Peninsula, 26 are in the Northwestern District and 29 in the Northern District (McCullough 2001). The 2006 North Alaska Peninsula sockeye salmon escapement was 1,157,546 fish (Table 2; Appendix A1). All sockeye salmon escapement goals were met or exceeded in 2006. The North Alaska Peninsula 1987-2006 average sockeye salmon escapement was 1,007,210 fish, while the 1997-2006 average escapement was 1,068,800 fish, and the 2002-2006 average escapement was 1,254,819 fish (Figure 5). The majority of the sockeye salmon escapement occurred in the Northern District's four systems that enumerate escapement with weirs (Bear, Nelson, Sandy, and Ilnik rivers). However, in some years, substantial sockeye salmon escapements (>100,000 fish) are observed north of Strogonof Point in the Meshik River (Inner Port Heiden) and Cinder River (including Outer Port Heiden) systems (Table 3). The

¹ Biological escapement goals are established for salmon stocks where reliable escapement levels and total annual returns (catch plus escapement) can be determined.

Christianson Lagoon system at Urilia Bay in the Northwestern District, during some years, also produces substantial sockeye salmon escapement. In 2006, the total Meshik River system sockeye salmon escapement was 142,610 fish, while the Cinder River system escapement was 101,100 fish (Table 3; Appendix A1).

Sockeye salmon are abundant from Nelson Lagoon to Strogonof Point during June through September. Escapement goals, 1997-2006 average escapement estimates, and 2006 escapements for the six major sockeye salmon systems of the North Alaska Peninsula can be found in Table 4. The Nelson River sockeye salmon run begins in mid June, peaks in early July, and ends by mid August. Bear River supports two distinct runs: an early run that begins in early June, peaks in early July, and ends in late July; and the late run which begins in late July, peaks in early-mid August, and ends in mid-to-late September. Sandy River run timing begins in mid June, peaks in early July, and ends in late July. The timing of the sockeye salmon run in the Ilnik, Meshik, and Cinder River systems is early and closely parallels Sandy River run timing.

Соно

Currently there are seventeen coho salmon streams documented in the Northwestern District and 33 documented in the Northern District (McCullough 2001). However, many systems have not been surveyed for coho salmon and the number of systems documented is considered the minimum. Due to inadequate funding and adverse fall weather conditions, too few surveys are flown to accurately estimate total coho salmon escapement abundance. In 2006, 229,440 coho salmon were documented in 41 streams (Appendix A1). On the North Alaska Peninsula, only the Nelson River system has a sustainable escapement goal (SEG²) for coho salmon (18,000 fish). The 2006 SEG was met with a minimum of 20,000 coho salmon documented in Nelson River system streams (Appendix A1). The major coho salmon systems are found in Urilia Bay, Joshua Green, Nelson, Ilnik, Meshik, and Cinder rivers. Other significant coho salmon runs also occur in rivers located in Swanson Lagoon, and in the Bear, Sandy, and Unangashak rivers, and numerous other systems throughout the North Alaska Peninsula.

PINK

With a few exceptions, pink salmon are usually of only limited economic importance on the North Alaska Peninsula. Currently, there are a total of 39 streams with documented pink salmon runs in the Northern and Northwestern districts (McCullough 2001). The average even-year 1997-2006 pink salmon escapement was 154,052 fish and ranged from 24,900 (2002) to 300,000 (1998; Table 2; Figure 6). Bechevin Bay has historically been the largest pink salmon producing location and the only system that has an SEG (31,000 fish during even-numbered years) which was exceeded in 2006 with an estimated escapement of 116,075 fish (Appendix A1). In the Northern District, Herendeen Bay also produced substantial pink salmon runs during even years since 1990, although in recent years poor market conditions have prevented a directed fishery. In 2006, 252,462 pink salmon were counted in North Alaska Peninsula streams (Table 2; Appendix A1). This escapement was higher than the 1987-2006 even-year average (166,936 fish), the 1997-2006 even-year average (154,052 fish), and the 2002-2006 even-year average (133,121 fish; Figure 6).

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² Sustainable escapement goals are established for salmon stocks where reliable escapement levels can be determined but there is not sufficient information to enumerate total annual return (catch plus escapement).

CHUM

Chum salmon streams are the most abundant of all salmon systems in the North Alaska Peninsula, numbering 73 (McCullough 2001). Escapement from 1997-2006 averaged 550,959 chum salmon, with a 2006 escapement of 576,043 fish (Table 2; Appendix A1). The North Alaska Peninsula Northwestern and Northern districts combined) chum salmon BEG range is 219,600 to 454,200 fish (Nelson et al. 2006) and has been met or exceeded in each of the past ten years (Table 2). In 2006, the chum salmon escapement was 193,460 fish in the Northwestern District which was within the SEG range of 100,000 to 215,000 fish, while in the Northern District the escapement was 382,583 chum salmon, exceeding the SEG range of 119,600 to 239,200 fish (Appendix A1; Figures 7 and 8; Nelson et al. 2006). The escapement in the Northwestern District in 2006 was below the previous 5-, 10-, and 20-year averages while the chum salmon escapement in the Northern District was above the 5-, 10-, and 20-year averages (Figures 7 and 8). Due to poor market conditions and limited effort, North Alaska Peninsula chum salmon have been underexploited in recent years.

HARVEST BY SPECIES

CHINOOK

The 2006 Chinook salmon harvest on the North Alaska Peninsula was 7,637 fish, which was above the 1997-2006 average of 6,512 (Table 2). The harvest from 1997-2006 ranged from 3,852 in 2002 to 10,402 fish in 2004 (Table 2). Most of the annual harvest in 2006 occurred incidental to sockeye salmon fishing in the Nelson Lagoon Section. In the past, the Inner Port Heiden Section was a major Chinook salmon harvest location, but in recent years there was no fishery due to weak markets. However in 2005 and 2006, Port Heiden residents secured a Chinook salmon market, and 1,057 fish were harvested in the Inner Port Heiden Section during May and the first few weeks in June during 2006. All of the effort had been by Area T permit holders, and by late June, all of these permit holders went fishing in Bristol Bay and no further harvests occurred.

Area T permit holders are allowed to fish within open waters of Area M of the Cinder River and Inner Port Heiden sections during May and June, and August and September, as well as the Ilnik Lagoon portion of the Ilnik Section during August and September.

SOCKEYE

The 1987-2006 average sockeye harvest in the North Alaska Peninsula was 2,181,414 fish, the 1997-2006 average harvest was 1,895,627, and the 2002-2006 average harvest was 2,163,598 fish (Table 2; Figure 9). The record harvest of 3,866,479 fish occurred in 1993. The bulk of the North Alaska Peninsula harvest occurs in the Nelson Lagoon to Strogonof Point area, with a substantial portion of this harvest occurring in the Port Moller to Strogonof Point area which includes the Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik sections (Table 3; Figure 2).

Nelson Lagoon Section

In Nelson Lagoon, the 1987-2006 average sockeye salmon harvest was 317,337, the 1997-2006 average harvest was 296,792 fish, and the 2002-2006 average harvest was 363,352 fish (Figure 10). Annually, between 30-40 permit holders typically fish in this section, and the majority of the gear is set gillnet. The peak weekly sockeye salmon harvest occurs in early-to-mid July, however, in 2006 the run was later than usual and the fishery peaked around mid July (Figure 11). In 2006, the Nelson Lagoon sockeye salmon harvest was 255,265 fish which was the fifth best harvest in the past 10 years and the lowest harvest in the past five years (Figure 10).

Bear River Section

The 1987-2006 average sockeye salmon harvest in the Bear River Section was 780,196 fish, the 1997-2006 average was 575,932 fish, and the 2002-2006 average was 661,363 fish (Table 3; Figure 12). The number of permits fished in the Bear River Section peaked in 1993 when 190 vessels participated (Figure 13). Since then the number of permits gradually decreased to a low of 88 permits in 2002 and in recent years increased to 106 permits. The 2002-2006 average annual number of permits fished of 97 was below the 1997-2006 average of 116 permits and the 1987-2006 average of 139 permits (Figure 13). The peak weekly harvest in the Bear River Section usually occurs in late June and early July, and then decreases with another peak in mid August when the late Bear River sockeye salmon run peaks. In 2006, the Bear River Section peak harvest was later due to a later than usual run timing, and the peak weekly harvest (129,415 sockeye salmon) occurred between July 12 and July 18 (Figure 14). The sockeye salmon harvest in 2006 continued into the third week of September when the local processing facility in the area closed for the season.

Three Hills Section

In the Three Hills Section, the 1987-2006 average sockeye salmon harvest was 326,353 fish, the 1997-2006 average was 204,048 fish, and the 2002-2006 average was 180,190 fish (Table 3; Figure 12). The number of permits fished in the Three Hills Section peaked in 1992 when 140 permits operated in the area and generally decreased until 2004-2005 when 56 permits operated in the section. The average number of permits fishing in the area from 1987-2006 was 112, but decreased to 93 permits fished on average between 1997-2006 and 66 permits fished on average between 2002-2006 (Figure 13). In 2006, 75 permit holders made at least one delivery from the Three Hills Section. Overall there was less fishing effort in the Three Hills Section in 2006 partly due to the closure of the section from June 25 to July 3 due to concern for the Sandy River sockeye salmon escapement. The peak weekly harvest in the Three Hills Section during 2006 occurred during the second week of July when only 44,071 sockeye salmon were harvested (Figure 14).

Ilnik Section

The 1987-2006 Ilnik Section average sockeye salmon harvest was 645,675 fish, while the previous 10-year average (1997-2006) harvest was 701,660 fish, and the previous 5-year average (2002-2006) was 838,297 fish (Table 3; Figure 12). The peak number of permits fished in the Ilnik Section was in 1989 with 159 permits, but effort then decreased until 2002-2003 when 73 permits were fished. In 2006, 113 permits fished in the section which is below the 20-year average (1987-2006 of 122 permits) and 10-year average (1997-2006 of 108 permits), but above the five year average (2002-2006 of 88 permits; Figure 13). Catches within the Ilnik Section typically peaks in late June to early July, then decreases. However in 2006, catches were stronger than usual throughout most of July (Figure 14). The peak weekly harvest was 378,013 sockeye salmon during late June to early July and then decreased until less than 100,000 sockeye salmon for the week were caught in late July (Figure 14).

Port Moller to Strogonof Point

Prior to 1987, the Bear River Section accounted for the majority of the sockeye salmon harvest in the Port Moller to Strogonof Point area which includes the Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik sections (Figure 2). Between 1987 and 2006, effort by the North Alaska Peninsula commercial fishing fleet has alternated between the Bear River Section, and the Three Hills and Ilnik sections. From 1987 to 2006, the Bear River Section averaged 44 percent of the total sockeye

harvest within these three sections combined. More recently, between 2002 and 2006, the Bear River Section accounted for an average of 39 percent. Harvest in the Three Hills Section has decreased over time from an average of 19 percent in 1987-2006 to an 11 percent average in 2002-2006, while the harvest in the Ilnik Section has increased from a 37 percent average in 1987-2006 to a 50 percent average in 2002-2006 (Figure 15).

Соно

The majority of the North Alaska Peninsula coho salmon harvest typically occurs in Nelson Lagoon, Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik sections of the Northern District (Table 5). In previous years when market conditions existed, the Inner Port Heiden and Cinder River sections had significant harvests and were important harvest areas on the North Alaska Peninsula (Table 5). The 1997-2006 average North Alaska Peninsula harvest was 66,767 coho salmon, and the harvest since 1997 has ranged from 22,162 fish in 2001 to 134,724 fish in 1998. Coho salmon harvests typically begin during the first week of August, peak during the last 10 days of August and first week of September, and end in early September when processing facilities close for the season. In 2006, several major coho salmon stocks were underexploited or not exploited at all due to poor market conditions. This has been the trend during recent years. Only Nelson Lagoon had a directed coho salmon fishery in 2006 where 66,874 fish were harvested. In 2006, 93,955 coho salmon were harvested in the North Alaska Peninsula (Tables 2 and 5).

PINK

The 1998-2006 even-year average pink salmon harvest was 34,136 fish, with a ranging from a low of 15,828 in 2004 to a high of 64,207 in 2006 (Table 2). Directed pink salmon fisheries usually occur when market conditions and salmon surplus to escapement requirements permit a fishery in the Bechevin Bay Section of the Northwestern District and occasionally in the Herendeen Bay Section of the Northern District. The only directed pink salmon fisheries that occurred on the North Alaska Peninsula in 2006 were in Bechevin Bay where approximately 56,000 fish were harvested.

CHUM

The 1997-2006 average chum salmon harvest of 76,425 fish, and ranged from 14,958 in 2004 to 174,523 in 2001 (Table 2). The bulk of the North Peninsula chum salmon harvest usually occurs in the Izembek-Moffet Bay and Bechevin Bay sections of the Northwestern District. Catches from the Herendeen-Moller Bay and Bear River Sections typically dominate the Northern District catch. A directed chum salmon fishery occurred in Bechevin and Izembek-Moffet Bays, as well as Herendeen Bay in 2006, but most of the chum salmon harvest was incidental to the sockeye salmon catch in the Bear River and Ilnik Sections. In 2006, 131,718 chum salmon were harvested on the North Peninsula (Table 2).

SOCKEYE SALMON RUN PRODUCTION POTENTIAL

After August 1, all local and non-local sockeye salmon runs are considered to have ended in the Port Moller to Strogonof Point area, except the late Bear River run. Prior to August 1, no method is available to apportion the catch to North Alaska Peninsula stocks-of-origin. After August 1, the sockeye salmon harvest in the Port Moller to Strogonof Point area is considered to be bound for Bear River. Therefore, the potential sockeye salmon production of the Bear (early), Sandy, and Ilnik River runs were calculated in aggregate, using data from the late Bear River run. The

mean return per spawner (R/S) from the Bear River late run over the last five fully recruited brood years was used as an estimator for the R/S for all these systems (3.65:1; 1994-1998; Appendix B1). The Nelson River sockeye salmon R/S average for the last five fully recruited years was 3.1:1 (Appendix B2). The Bear River late run R/S data was applied to the five-year average escapements for systems (early Bear River run, Sandy and Ilnik rivers) to obtain an indication of annual potential run strength.

The forecasts for the Bear River late run and the Nelson River run were added to the production potential estimates for the Bear (early), Sandy, and Ilnik Rivers to calculate a production potential for 2007 for these four systems.

The potential run size for these four systems in recent years for the entire season would be expected to range from 1,327,000 to 3,922,000 sockeye salmon with a midpoint of 2,625,000 fish (Figure 16). The run potential depicted in Table 6 includes escapement. To determine the annual potential harvest, the targeted escapement goal is subtracted from the run potential, leaving a potential harvest estimate of about 804,000 to 3,399,000 fish with a midpoint of 2,102,000 fish (Figure 16).

These estimates are intended to be used as an indicator of potential sockeye salmon production from four North Alaska Peninsula sockeye runs (Nelson, early and late Bear, Sandy, and Ilnik Rivers) based on R/S data from the Nelson and late Bear River runs and the Nelson and late Bear River forecasts. Production form other Northern District sockeye salmon runs, which have averaged a sockeye salmon escapement of 210,998 fish since 2002, is not included in this analysis. Actual North Alaska Peninsula production is unknown.

NELSON RIVER AND BEAR RIVER LATE-RUN SOCKEYE SALMON RUN PROJECTIONS FOR 2007

BEAR RIVER

The 2007 Bear River late-run sockeye salmon forecast was prepared primarily using median estimates and investigating simple linear regression models of saltwater-age-class relationships with data from the past 17 years. In constructing and evaluating the regression models, standard regression diagnostics were used. Prediction estimates from regression models were only used in cases where the slope of the regression was significantly different from zero (P < 0.25). The saltwater-age-3 (3-ocean) sockeye salmon returns were predicted from the previous year 2-ocean returns using simple linear regression (P = 0.02). An estimate of variance was calculated from the regression. The remaining sockeye salmon, 1-, 2-, and 4-ocean fish were calculated from the median estimates for each of the age class run estimates. The total run forecast was calculated by summing individual regression and pooled age class estimates. When the median return by age was used, the 80 percent prediction intervals were estimated by calculating the 10th and 90th percentiles of the data. Eighty-percent prediction intervals were calculated for the regression model using the variances estimated from the model. The overall 80 percent prediction interval was calculated as the square root of the sum of the squared 80 percent prediction intervals for each age class forecasted.

NELSON RIVER

The 2007 Nelson River sockeye salmon forecast was prepared primarily by investigating simple linear regression models of saltwater-age-class relationships and temperature data from the past

19 years. The temperature indices were constructed from the King Salmon and Cold Bay airports average annual air temperature for corresponding outmigration years. In constructing and evaluating each of the regression models, standard regression diagnostics were used. Prediction estimates from regression models were only used in cases where the slope of the regression was significantly different from zero (P < 0.25). The saltwater-age-2 (2-ocean) sockeye salmon returns were predicted from the King Salmon temperature index using simple linear regression (P = 0.05). The 3-ocean sockeye returns were predicted by linear regression of the ratio between 3- and 2-ocean fish (same outmigration year) on the Cold Bay temperature index (P = 0.01). Estimates of variance were calculated from each regression. The remaining sockeye salmon, 1and 4-ocean fish were calculated from the median estimates for each of the age class run estimates. The total run forecast was calculated by summing individual regression and pooled age class estimates. When the median return by age was used, the 80 percent prediction intervals were estimated by calculating the 10th and 90th percentiles of the data. Eighty-percent prediction intervals for the regression estimates were calculated using the variances of the regression models. The overall 80 percent prediction intervals were calculated as the square root of the sum of the squared 80 percent prediction intervals for each age class forecasted.

The following table lists the 2007 run projections and 80 percent prediction intervals (P.I.) for Nelson River and Bear River late-run sockeye salmon:

		80% I	P.I.
System	Estimate	Low	High
Nelson	502,000	260,000	744,000
Bear (Late Run)	599,000	328,000	869,000

Regression models for Bear River failed to significantly predict 2-ocean returns (P > 0.25); therefore, a median estimate was used. The 3-ocean run component historically comprises 26 percent of the Bear Lake late run. Because of the uncertainty associated with the variable predictive capabilities of the sibling data and that a majority of the run has been estimated based on a median, our confidence in this forecast is fair.

Historically, 2-ocean sockeye salmon comprised about 62 percent of the Nelson River run and the regression model for 2-ocean fish was significant (P = 0.05). The regression relationship for the 3-ocean run component, which historically comprised 34 percent of the Nelson River run, also had a highly significant slope (P = 0.01). Because of these qualities, our confidence in this forecast is good.

AREA M AND AREA T OVERLAP AREA

The Area M (Alaska Peninsula) and Area T (Bristol Bay) overlap area consists of the Cinder River Section, Inner Port Heiden Section, and Ilnik Lagoon (Figure 17). The overlap area was created shortly after statehood to allow Bristol Bay fishermen, primarily those residents of Port Heiden and Pilot Point, the opportunity to fish close to home before and after the Bristol Bay salmon fishery. Permit holders registered for the Bristol Bay area historically fished for Chinook and coho salmon in the Inner Port Heiden Section and occasionally in Ilnik Lagoon for coho salmon. Pilot Point area permit holders registered for the Bristol Bay area were given the opportunity to fish in the Cinder River Section for Chinook and coho salmon which they

historically have done, and still participate in Bristol Bay sockeye salmon fisheries. The overlap area allows all Area T permit holders the opportunity to fish within portions of the Alaska Peninsula Management Area.

Lack of markets in recent years has eliminated most of the effort in the Cinder River and Inner Port Heiden Sections. Nearly all of the recent effort, in years when significant effort occurred in the Inner Port Heiden and Cinder River sections, has been from Area T permit holders targeting coho salmon in August and September. During 2005 and 2006, local Area T permit holders fished in the Inner Port Heiden Section for Chinook and sockeye salmon during June prior to departing to fish within Area T. During every month except July, Area T permit holders are allowed to fish during the open season in the Inner Port Heiden and Cinder River Sections (Figure 17). Area T permit holders are also allowed to fish inside Ilnik Lagoon during August and September. Prior to 1990, Area T permit holders were allowed to fish in the entire Ilnik Section during August and September.

Since 1976, when 16 Area T permit holders began fishing the overlap area, the number of Area T permit holders increased and peaked in 1992 with 122 permits (104 drift gillnet and 18 set gillnet). In 2006, there were six Area T permit holders that participated within the overlap area. All of the 2006 effort in the overlap area occurred in the Inner Port Heiden Section during June targeting mainly Chinook salmon. Effort from Area T permit holders has also occurred in the Cinder River and Inner Port Heiden Sections during June for Chinook and occasionally sockeye salmon when markets are available (Figure 17).

In 1986, Area T fishermen started operating in the Ilnik and Outer Port Heiden Sections. In 1990, the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) eliminated Area T fishermen from the Ilnik Section (except inside Ilnik Lagoon) and closed the Outer Port Heiden Section to all commercial salmon fishing operations by both Area M and Area T fishermen due to concern over potential interception of coho salmon during August and September bound for Inner Port Heiden (Meshik River).

BOARD OF FISHERIES REGULATION CHANGES

BOF regulation changes instituted in the Northern District are summarized in Table 7.

MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections are managed using catch per unit effort indicators and the escapement strength of Bear, Sandy, Ilnik, and Meshik rivers as determined by aerial surveys and weir counts (Murphy and Tschersich 2006). Table 8 briefly depicts the sockeye salmon stocks used to manage these three sections. This description is not a detailed management strategy, but a general account of the factors that are considered when management actions are taken.

BEAR RIVER AND THREE HILLS SECTIONS

The Bear River and Three Hills Sections are managed on the basis of Bear and Sandy River sockeye salmon stocks (Table 8). When the escapement objectives in Bear and Sandy Rivers are not achieved, the Bear River and Three Hills Sections may be closed until escapements increase sufficiently to warrant a fishery. If escapements are not far behind interim objectives and harvests indicate sufficient run strength, then the closed waters at the river terminus may be expanded to achieve the escapement objectives while allowing effort on incoming fish outside

the protected area. This prevents a build-up of fish near the river mouths and a resulting excess number of fish moving up river. If escapement into Ilnik and/or Ocean River (if Ocean River flows into the Bering Sea versus Ilnik Lagoon, which occasionally occurs) is low and area closures in the Ilnik Section are not effective, the eastern portion of the Three Hills Section line may be moved to the west to provide for a larger closed water area in an attempt to increase the escapement.

ILNIK SECTION

Prior to July 20, the Ilnik Section southwest of Unangashak Bluffs (Figure 2) and inside of Ilnik Lagoon, will be managed primarily for Ilnik sockeye salmon stocks unless a management concern exists for Ugashik River stocks (Table 8). That portion of the Ilnik Section southwest of Unangashak Bluffs (excluding Ilnik Lagoon which opens May 1) will open to commercial salmon fishing on June 25 if the escapement into Ilnik River warrants. That portion of the Ilnik Section northeast of Unangashak Bluffs to Strogonof Point is managed prior to July 20 on the basis of Meshik and Ilnik river sockeye salmon stocks.

Prior to July 21, management action will also be taken in the Ilnik Section to protect Ugashik River sockeye salmon stocks when district lines are reduced to limit harvest in the Egegik District. If Ilnik, Meshik, and Ugashik river sockeye salmon runs are expected to meet escapement objectives prior to July 21, fishing time in the Ilnik Section will be based on the abundance of Ilnik and Meshik river sockeye salmon stocks. From July 20 to August 15, the Ilnik Section will be managed for Bear River sockeye salmon stock escapement. After August 15, the Ilnik Section is managed based on coho salmon return to Ilnik Lagoon.

OUTLOOK FOR 2007

The total projected 2007 commercial salmon harvest for the North Alaska Peninsula includes: 7,000 Chinook, 2,100,000 sockeye, 80,000 coho, 10,000 pink and 50,000 chum salmon. The 2007 Nelson Lagoon forecasted sockeye salmon harvest is predicted to be 352,000, and the Bear River late-run (August and September) forecasted harvest is 482,000 fish (Eggers *in press*). The bulk of the remaining harvest of 1,266,000 fish is expected to occur in the Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik sections during June and July.

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TABLES AND FIGURES

Table 1.-Scheduled North Alaska Peninsula fishing periods as described in the 2004-2007 regulation book.

Section Cinder River, Outside Shagong Lagoon	Open Season August 1 - September 30	Scheduled Fishing Period 6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday
Cinder River, inside Shagong Lagoon	May 1 - September 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday
Outer Port Heiden	No open season	
Inner Port Heiden	May 1 - September 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday
Ilnik Section southwest of Unangashak Bluffs (159° 10.25' W long.) excluding Ilnik Lagoon and within the Seal Islands	June 25 - September 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday
Ilnik Section between Unangashak Bluffs (159°10.25' W long.) to Strogonof Point (158° 50.45' W long.).	June 25 - September 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday
Ilnik Lagoon Section (Ilnik Lagoon and within the Seal Islands)	May 1 – June 24	12:00 noon Monday to 11:59 p.m. Wednesday
Ilnik Lagoon Section (Ilnik Lagoon and within the Seal Islands)	June 25 - September 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday
Three Hills	June 25 - June 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday
Three Hills	July 1 - September 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Thursday
Bear River	May 1 - June 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday
Bear River	July 1 - September 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Thursday

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Section	Open Season	Fishing Period
Port Moller Bight	May 1 - September 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Thursday
Herendeen-Moller Bay	May 1 - July 20	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Thursday
Nelson Lagoon	May 1 - June 15	6:00 a.m. Monday to 12:00 midnight Wednesday
Nelson Lagoon	June 16 - August 15	6:00 a.m. Monday to 12:00 midnight Thursday
Nelson Lagoon	August 16 - September 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 12:00 midnight Wednesday
Caribou Flats	No open season	
Black Hills	May 1 - June 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday
Black Hills	July 1 - September 30	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Thursday
Izembek-Moffet Bay	June 1 - August 10	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Thursday
Swanson Lagoon	June 1 - August 10	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Thursday
Urilia Bay ^a	By Emergency Order Only	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Thursday
Dublin Bay	July 10 - August 10	6:00 a.m. Monday to 6:00 p.m. Thursday
Bechevin Bay	June 1 - September 30	By Emergency Order Only

^a In recent years, the fishing season in the Urilia Bay Section has been delayed until late June to obtain a substantial amount of sockeye salmon escapement before fishing begins.

Table 2.-North Alaska Peninsula salmon runs by species, 1962-2006.

				Number of	Salmon		
Year		Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
1962	Catch	5,400	249,700	35,200	31,200	34,900	356,400
	Escapement ^a Total	4,400 9,800	351,200 600,900		4,000 35,200	150,900 185,800	
1963	Catch	3,600	225,200	40,500	6,900	49,900	326,100
	Escapement ^a	6,200	351,000		4,400 ^b	203,200	
	Total	9,800	576,200		11,300 ^b	253,100	
1964	Catch	3,600	250,800	36,600	6,800	139,000	436,800
	Escapement ^a Total	25,900 29,500	419,900 670,700		15,100 21,900	156,100 295,100	
1965	Catch	6,100	199,500	34,500	2,100	69,700	311,900
	Escapement ^a Total	22,100 28,200	238,400 437,900		900 3,000	49,300 119,000	
1966	Catch	5,600	245,300	37,300	16,000	82,800	387,000
	Escapement ^a Total	8,200 13,800	283,300 528,600		2,000 18,000	149,000 231,800	
1967	Catch	5,500	224,700	46,800	700	41,300	319,000
	Escapement ^a Total	12,200 17,700	299,700 524,400		700 1,400	122,600 163,900	
1968	Catch	4,500	237,100	64,900	200	73,500	380,200
	Escapement ^a Total	15,800 20,300	251,300 488,400		26,500 26,700	250,800 324,300	
1969	Catch	4,800	321,300	49,100	100	28,100	403,400
	Escapement ^a Total	19,500 24,300	575,000 896,300		4,400 4,500	146,800 174,900	
1970	Catch	3,829	187,793	26,327	7,904	47,989	273,842
	Escapement ^a Total	8,300 12,129	451,500 639,293		11,100 19,004	169,800 217,789	
1971	Catch	2,187	353,784	8,222	297	64,154	428,644
	Escapement ^a Total	5,200 7,387	435,100 788,884		8,600 8,897	109,400 173,554	
1972	Catch	1,790	179,325	9,684	129	84,687	275,615
	Escapement ^a Total	5,000 6,790	190,200 369,525		1,300 1,429	124,000 208,687	
1973	Catch	2,569	165,388	19,776	143	152,773	340,649
	Escapement ^a Total	4,300 6,869	180,200 345,588		200 343	122,400 275,173	•
1974	Catch	2,710	246,209	16,799	10,599	34,417	310,734
	Escapement ^a Total	3,000 5,710	332,800 579,009		23,000 33,599	105,100 139,517	

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				Number o	f Salmon		
Year		Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
1975	Catch	2,093	233,293	28,349	295	8,770	272,800
	Escapement ^a Total	4,600 6,693	516,800 750,093		600 895	109,200 117,970	
1976	Catch Escapement ^a Total	4,947 6,000 10,947	641,134 532,600 1,173,734	26,061	672 37,300 37,972	73,589 293,400 366,989	746,403
1977	Catch Escapement ^a Total	5,489 7,100 12,589	472,006 541,100 1,013,106	34,137	888 8,500 9,388	129,168 681,200 810,368	641,688
1978	Catch Escapement ^a Total	13,524 13,700 27,224	896,616 1,213,500 2,110,116	63,341	485,224 96,800 582,024	163,804 310,500 474,304	1,622,509
1979	Catch Escapement ^a Total	15,704 15,800 31,504	1,979,167 1,574,000 3,553,167	112,835	4,994 9,300 14,294	65,711 305,300 371,011	2,178,411
1980	Catch Escapement ^a Total	16,627 11,000 27,627	1,397,118 1,387,600 2,784,718	127,878	301,672 103,600 405,272	700,196 769,500 1,469,696	2,543,491
1981	Catch Escapement ^a Total	18,385 12,400 30,785	1,844,335 1,347,900 3,192,235	155,420	11,217 6,100 17,317	706,818 535,200 1,242,018	2,736,175
1982	Catch Escapement ^a Total	29,770 20,000 49,770	1,435,277 718,400 2,153,677	238,016	12,321 51,700 64,021	331,133 457,600 788,733	2,046,517
1983	Catch Escapement ^a Total	29,006 25,700 54,706	2,090,142 580,300 2,670,442	75,138	3,404 4,000 7,404	348,307 392,600 740,907	2,545,997
1984	Catch Escapement ^a Total	22,770 17,700 40,470	1,798,780 826,000 2,624,780	200,482	46,369 56,600 102,969	805,132 870,200 1,675,332	2,873,533
1985	Catch Escapement ^a Total	23,403 12,900 36,303	2,596,073 898,100 3,494,173	176,118	3,054 1,400 4,454	666,616 344,200 1,010,816	3,465,264
1986	Catch Escapement ^a Total	11,735 8,700 20,435	2,463,734 580,300 3,044,034	164,071	22,630 13,300 35,930	271,216 243,600 514,816	2,933,386
1987	Catch Escapement ^a Total	14,186 10,700 24,886	1,209,435 556,000 1,765,435	171,784	3,486 100 3,586	368,696 510,900 879,596	1,767,587

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				Number of	Salmon		
Year	•	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
1988	Catch Escapement ^a Total	16,721 11,700 28,421	1,528,107 614,900 2,143,007	233,966 200-300 b,c	65,242 43,500 108,742	393,075 500,300 893,375	2,237,111
1989	Catch Escapement ^a Total	10,698 5,600 16,298	1,718,001 814,400 2,532,401	227,551 150-250 b,c	4,103 1,900 6,003	156,992 212,300 369,292	2,117,345
1990	Catch Escapement ^a Total	12,320 7,100 19,420	2,416,047 1,032,200 3,448,247	192,978 140-175 ^{b,c}	517,724 132,200 649,924	126,113 226,400 352,513	3,265,182
1991	Catch Escapement ^a Total	9,359 9,600 18,959	2,391,406 1,317,300 3,708,706	218,274	4,249 6,300 10,549	191,278 303,300 494,578	2,814,566
1992	Catch Escapement ^a Total	13,136 6,600 19,736	3,575,507 861,300 4,436,807	206,813	194,395 207,600 401,995	341,616 351,700 693,316	4,331,467
1993	Catch Escapement ^a Total	22,417 13,700 36,117	3,866,479 1,003,800 4,870,279	64,376	5,328 72,800 78,128	134,957 402,400 537,357	4,093,557
1994	Catch Escapement ^a Total	18,508 38,400 56,908	2,783,156 1,211,400 3,994,556	241,913	226,315 133,200 359,515	83,897 480,200 564,097	3,353,789
1995	Catch Escapement ^a Total	7,540 24,400 31,940	3,272,748 1,077,000 4,349,748	135,639	12,171 8,200 20,371	99,293 756,300 855,593	3,527,391
1996	Catch Escapement ^a Total	4,941 25,700 30,641	1,911,126 967,900 2,879,026	157,313	53,842 382,600 436,442	67,956 823,100 891,056	2,195,178
1997	Catch Escapement ^a Total	10,352 19,500 29,852	2,151,010 820,000 2,971,010	94,776	50,701 25,000 75,701	97,380 388,200 485,580	2,404,219
1998	Catch Escapement ^a Total	5,928 15,000 20,928	1,087,552 894,000 1,981,552	134,724	34,810 300,000 334,810	69,516 729,500 799,016	1,332,530
1999	Catch Escapement ^a Total	4,886 10,900 15,786	1,783,804 897,300 2,681,104	53,907	4,367 25,000 29,367	50,120 666,300 716,420	1,897,084

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		Number of Salmon								
Year		Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total			
2000	Catch	3,904	1,968,882	83,655	34,373	93,696	2,184,510			
	Escapement ^a	9,600	927,200		70,900	594,700				
	Total	13,504	2,896,082		105,273	688,396				
2001	Catch	4,412	1,147,030	22,162	12,469	174,523	1,360,596			
	Escapement ^a	13,300	875,400		24,300	692,700				
	Total	17,712	2,022,430		36,769	867,223				
2002	Catch	3,852	1,415,872	28,751	21,461	51,040	1,520,976			
	Escapement ^a	18,900	894,500		24,900	679,900				
	Total	22,752	2,310,372		46,361	730,940				
2003	Catch	4,545	1,477,391	53,137	18,624	38,755	1,592,452			
	Escapement ^a	11,078	1,231,411		20,000	450,660				
	Total	15,623	2,708,802		38,624	489,415				
2004	Catch	10,402	2,433,778	33,920	15,828	14,958	2,508,886			
	Escapement ^a	30,874	1,433,827		122,000	434,950				
	Total	41,276	3,867,605		137,828	449,908				
2005	Catch	9,198	3,115,792	68,680	3,830	42,539	3,240,039			
	Escapement ^a	30,617	1,556,811		52,628	296,640				
	Total	39,815	4,672,603		56,458	339,179				
2006	Catch	7,637	2,375,158	93,955	64,207	131,718	2,672,675			
	Escapement ^a	32,173	1,157,546		252,462	576,043				
	Total	39,810	3,532,704		316,669	707,761				
1997-	2006 Average									
	Catch	6,512	1,895,627	66,767	34,136 ^d	76,425	2,071,397			
	Escapement ^a	19,194	1,068,800		154,052 ^d	550,959				
	Total	25,706	2,964,426		188,188 ^d	627,384				

Note: catch numbers do not include test fish harvest or fish retained for personal use.

 ^a Escapements are indexed totals.
 ^b These figures are very rough extrapolated estimates.

^c Number of fish in thousands.

^d Averages for pink salmon include only the even-numbered years 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, and 2006.

Table 3.-Northern District sockeye salmon runs by section (number of fish), 1962-2006.

Year		Outer Port Heiden ^a and Cinder River	Inner Port Heiden	Ilnik	Three Hills	Bear River ^b	Combined Ilnik, Three Hills, & Bear R. Sections	Port Moller Bight & Herendeen- Moller Bay	Nelson Lagoon	Caribou Flats & Black Hills	Northern District Totals
1962 ^c	Catch	900	17,800	9,700	e	142,900	152,600	0	69,600	0	240,900
	Escapement	5,000	19,000 ^d	5,900	e	215,000	*	100	54,200	1,000	300,200
	Total	5,900	36,800 ^d	15,600	e	357,900		100	123,800	1,000	541,100
1963 ^c	Catch	0	0	26,600	e	120,000	146,600	0	71,500	0	218,100
	Escapement	1,400	14,200 ^d	10,400	e	238,600	249,000	100	31,000	1,300 ^d	297,000
	Total	1,400	14,200 ^d	37,000	e	358,600	395,600	100	102,500	1,300 ^d	515,100
1964 ^c	Catch	0	6,300	33,300	e	107,500	140,800	0	88,700	0	235,800
	Escapement	1,500	10,000	6,500	e	250,200	256,700	200	80,000	1,500	349,900
	Total	1,500	16,300	39,800	e	357,700	397,500	200	168,700	1,500	585,700
1965 ^c	Catch	0	9,700	58,400	e	62,400	120,800	100	53,800	0	184,400
	Escapement	7,500	30,000	12,500	e	137,000	149,500	0	37,000	500	224,500
	Total	7,500	39,700	70,900	e	199,400	270,300	100	90,800	500	408,900
1966 ^c	Catch	0	8,000	11,000	e	152,600	163,600	0	60,000	0	231,600
	Escapement	3,000	11,700 ^d	24,300	e	185,000	209,300	600	36,500	2,300	263,400
	Total	3,000	19,700 ^d	35,300	e	337,600	372,900	600	96,500	2,300	495,000
1967 ^c	Catch	0	3,100	0	e	156,100	156,100	12,500	40,200	0	211,900
	Escapement	3,800 °	12,000 ^d	26,400	e	200,000	226,400	200	42,000	500 ^d	284,900
	Total	3,800 °	15,100 ^d	26,400	e	356,100	382,500	12,700	82,200	500 ^d	496,800
1968 ^c	Catch	0	0	78,600	e	90,500	169,100	3,400	51,100	0	223,600
	Escapement	4,100	15,000 ^d	15,000	e	166,000	181,000	400	31,000	2,000 ^d	233,500
	Total	4,100	15,000 ^d	93,600	e	256,500	350,100	3,800	82,100	2,000 ^d	457,100
1969 ^c	Catch	0	5,200	24,000	e	205,500	229,500	4,400	72,800	0	311,900
	Escapement	3,800 ^d	15,000 ^d	15,600	e	406,000	421,600	100	78,500	2,500 ^d	521,500
	Total	3,800 ^d	20,200 ^d	39,600	e	611,500	651,100	4,500	151,300	2,500 ^d	833,400

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Year		Outer Port Heiden ^a and Cinder River	Inner Port Heiden	Ilnik	Three Hills		Combined Ilnik, Three Hills, & Bear R. Sections	Port Moller Bight & Herendeen- Moller Bay	Nelson Lagoon	Caribou Flats & Black Hills	Northern District Totals
1970 ^c	Catch	0	0	21,011	e	109,209	130,220	1,672	52,043	21	183,956
	Escapement	1,500	14,100	15,300	800	294,000		0	82,400	1,400	409,500
	Total	1,500	14,100	36,311	800	403,209		1,672	134,443	1,421	593,456
1971 ^c	Catch	0	0	16,153	40,929	238,628	295,710	1,301	47,536	0	344,547
	Escapement	2,000	30,800	26,100	400	281,000		200	60,100	500	401,100
	Total	2,000	30,800	42,253	41,329	519,628	603,210	1,501	107,636	500	745,647
1972 ^c	Catch	0	2	4,478	7,513	136,160	148,151	1,006	23,227	0	172,386
	Escapement	400	3,500	13,100	0	135,400	148,500	0	28,000	0	180,400
	Total	400	3,502	17,578	7,513	271,560	296,651	1,006	51,227	0	352,786
1973 ^c	Catch	0	0	0	16,659	117,678	134,337	3,287	23,896	0	161,520
	Escapement	1,200	7,200	16,000	0	130,100	146,100	0	18,700	0	173,200
	Total	1,200	7,200	16,000	16,659	247,778	280,437	3,287	42,596	0	334,720
1974 ^c	Catch	0	0	0	46,895	157,457	204,352	7,730	25,611	34	237,727
	Escapement	1,300	1,400	14,500	100	266,500	281,100	0	39,900	1,800	325,500
	Total	1,300	1,400	14,500	46,995	423,957	485,452	7,730	65,511	1,834	563,227
1975 ^c	Catch	0	644	411	8,296	165,730	174,437	3,739	51,519	0	230,339
	Escapement	900	5,100	40,500	300	310,000	350,800	100	138,600	2,000	497,500
	Total	900	5,744	40,911	8,596	475,730	525,237	3,839	190,119	2,000	727,839
1976 ^c	Catch	3	4,973	11,954	207,765	310,869	530,588	9,912	74,914	0	620,390
	Escapement	6,300	30,300	15,100	600	328,000	343,700	500	108,900	7,400	497,100
	Total	6,303	35,273	27,054	208,365	638,869	874,288	10,412	183,814	7,400	1,117,490
1977 ^c	Catch	8	3,416	12,592	85,295	268,676	366,563	11,061	56,314	44	437,406
	Escapement	3,900	23,600	20,600	100	265,200		13,500	155,000	4,100	486,000
	Total	3,908	27,016	33,192	85,395	533,876		24,561	211,314	4,144	923,406

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Year		Outer Port Heiden ^a and Cinder River	Inner Port Heiden	Ilnik	Three Hills		Combined Ilnik, Three Hills, & Bear R. Sections	Port Moller Bight & Herendeen- Moller Bay	Nelson Lagoon	Caribou Flats & Black Hills	Northern District Totals
1978 ^c	Catch	0	829	7,457	24,711	556,393	588,561	53,731	213,430	0	856,551
	Escapement	3,800	18,800	21,200	0	814,000		4,900	304,300	1,500	1,168,500
	Total	3,800	19,629	28,657	24,711	1,370,393	1,423,761	58,631	517,730	1,500	2,025,051
1979 ^c	Catch	140	36,940	53,972	140,390	1,320,851	1,515,213	32,121	320,856	0	1,905,270
	Escapement	6,000	46,700 ^d	97,200	300	1,013,000	1,110,500	5,000	360,100	3,000	1,531,300
	Total	6,140	83,640 ^d	151,172	140,690	2,333,851	2,625,713	37,121	680,956	3,000	3,436,570
1980 ^c	Catch	46	24,628	121,574	130,653	741,861	994,088	10,460	318,526	0	1,347,748
	Escapement	30,000	$47,000^{\text{ d}}$	100,000	0	751,000	851,000	1,500	352,600	3,900	1,286,000
	Total	30,046	71,628 ^d	221,574	130,653	1,492,861	1,845,088	11,960	671,126	3,900	2,633,748
1981 ^c	Catch	24	3,847	24,334	44,559	1,327,219	1,396,112	18,610	374,722	0	1,793,315
	Escapement	100,000	26,600 ^d	151,000	0	741,500	892,500	600	251,000	4,000 ^d	1,274,700
	Total	100,024	30,447 ^d	175,334	44,559	2,068,719	2,288,612	19,210	625,722	4,000 ^d	3,068,015
1982 ^c	Catch	0	8,782	35,088	107,418	1,009,291	1,151,797	11,336	229,203	419	1,401,537
	Escapement	13,000 ^d	62,000 ^d	41,700	1,300	361,300	404,300	500	179,600	6,000	665,400
	Total	13,000	70,782 d	76,788	108,718	1,370,591	1,556,097	11,836	408,803	6,419	2,066,937
1983°	Catch	71	68	390,883	338,730	1,122,976	1,852,589	15,007	192,947	5	2,060,687
	Escapement	9,000	8,600	40,000	100	358,000	398,100	500	128,800	2,600	547,600
	Total	9,071	8,668	430,883	338,830	1,480,976	2,250,689	15,507	321,747	2,605	2,608,287
1984 ^c	Catch	0	1,746	409,883	333,832	637,400	1,381,115	31,447	118,756	48	1,533,112
	Escapement	16,000	31,100	22,300	0	414,000	436,300	700	251,000	600	735,700
	Catch	16,000	32,846	432,183	333,832	1,051,400	1,817,415	32,147	369,756	648	2,268,812
1985°	Catch	333	5,090	508,887	469,267	821,312	1,799,466	4,519	703,546	0	2,512,954
	Escapement	12,600	45,500	22,700	0	451,500	474,200	700	314,800	3,700	851,500
	Total	12,933	50,590	531,587	469,267	1,272,812	2,273,666	5,219	1,018,346	3,700	3,364,454

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Year		Outer Port Heiden ^a and Cinder River	Inner Port Heiden	Ilnik	Three Hills	Bear River ^b	Combined Ilnik, Three Hills, & Bear R. Sections	Port Moller Bight & Herendeen- Moller Bay	Nelson Lagoon	Caribou Flats & Black Hills	Northern District Totals
1986 ^c	Catch	689	38,042	560,339	588,501	938,177	2,087,017	1,294	178,401	2	2,305,445
	Escapement	25,700	26,400	66,800	100	279,400	346,300	300	117,900	2,300	518,900
	Total	26,389	64,442	627,139	588,601	1,217,577	2,433,317	1,594	296,301	2,302	2,824,345
1987 ^c	Catch	214	2,359	506,916	212,435	213,958	933,309	679	128,471	62	1,065,094
	Escapement	15,300	28,300	30,700	0	266,700	297,400	700	155,700	8,700	506,100
	Total	15,514	30,659	537,616	212,435	480,658	1,230,709	1,379	284,171	8,762	1,571,194
1988 ^c	Catch	690	9,951	494,616	258,982	494,951	1,248,549	3,850	186,616	0	1,449,656
	Escapement	2,000	35,900	26,900	0	347,500	374,400	400	142,500	6,900	562,100
	Total	2,690	45,851	521,516	258,982	842,451	1,622,949	4,250	329,116	6,900	2,011,756
1989 ^c	Catch	3,044	11,365	149,399	599,588	557,100	1,306,087	5,670	324,979	14,266	1,665,411
	Escapement	4,000	11,200	16,600	100	487,000	503,700	500	206,800	7,600	733,800
	Total	7,044	22,565	165,999	599,688	1,044,100	1,809,787	6,170	531,779	21,866	2,399,211
1990 ^c	Catch	1,246	9,701	753,030	189,870	876,248	1,819,148	4,250	410,417	13,265	2,258,027
	Escapement	14,000	26,800	35,700	100	564,300	600,100	400	269,200	5,700	916,200
	Total	15,246	36,501	788,730	189,970	1,440,548	2,419,248	4,650	679,617	18,965	3,174,227
1991 ^c	Catch	296	5,439	610,975	253,880	1,044,660	1,909,515	4,587	273,960	16,382	2,210,179
	Escapement	47,400	26,500	135,000	200	681,200	816,400	500 ^d	279,200	9,000	1,179,000
	Total	47,696	31,939	745,975	254,080	1,725,860	2,725,915	5,087 ^d	553,160	25,382	3,389,179
1992 ^c	Catch	4,472	8,023	740,992	959,223	1,398,253	3,098,468	5,911	378,706	878	3,496,458
	Escapement	15,200	33,100	45,100	0	471,200	516,300	200	179,700	16,600	761,100
	Total	19,672	41,123	786,092	959,223	1,869,453	3,614,768	6,111	558,406	17,478	4,257,558
1993 ^c	Catch	8,903	518	868,790	411,277	2,041,716	3,321,783	10,045	452,842	4,005	3,798,096
	Escapement	20,000 ^d	50,000 ^d	70,000	300	501,900	572,200	400	267,200	10,200	920,000
	Total	28,903	50,518 ^d	938,790	411,577	2,543,616	3,893,983	10,445	720,042	14,205	4,718,096

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Year		Outer Port Heiden ^a and Cinder River	Inner Port Heiden	Ilnik	Three Hills		Combined Ilnik, Three Hills, & Bear R. Sections	Port Moller Bight & Herendeen- Moller Bay	Nelson Lagoon	Caribou Flats & Black Hills	Northern District Totals
1994 ^c	Catch	5,197	633	838,945	481,600	1,089,249	2,409,794	2,244	329,212	1,202	2,748,282
	Escapement	83,400	44,900	75,300	0	581,200	656,500	400	333,400	5,100	1,123,700
	Total	88,597	45,533	914,245	481,600	1,670,449	3,066,294	2,644	662,612	6,302	3,871,982
1995°	Catch	1,280	768	320,473	931,168	1,536,039	2,787,680	5,936	448,281	3,569	3,247,514
	Escapement	47,500	85,600	39,000	400	430,400	469,800	2,000	338,700	3,700	947,300
	Total	48,780	86,368	359,473	931,568	1,966,439	3,257,480	7,936	786,981	7,269	4,194,814
1996 ^c	Catch	3,726	3,603	612,761	188,556	592,413	1,393,730	1,546	445,335	5,077	1,853,017
	Escapement	60,000 ^d	60,000	62,500	0	431,100	493,600	6,000	257,000	8,500	885,100
	Total	63,726	63,603	675,261	188,556	1,023,513	1,887,330	7,546	702,335	13,577	2,738,117
1997 ^c	Catch	8,342	2,222	762,638	263,089	642,461	1,668,188	8,693	384,370	20,741	2,092,556
	Escapement	33,000	40,000 ^d	83,000	400	398,000	481,400	900	190,100	6,100	751,500
	Total	41,342	42,222 ^d	845,638	263,489	1,040,461	2,149,588	9,593	574,470	26,841	2,844,056
1998 ^c	Catch	8,321	249	470,560	106,856	251,327	828,743	799	161,441	36,684	1,036,237
	Escapement	57,000	59,200	50,600	300	469,100	520,000	700	165,300	7,700	809,900
	Total	65,321	59,449	521,160	107,156	720,427	1,348,743	1,499	326,741	44,384	1,846,137
1999 ^c	Catch	19,004	877	617,330	200,239	557,805	1,375,374	2,397	237,293	25,324	1,660,269
	Escapement	12,400	76,000	75,000	100	408,000	483,100	2,500	223,300	11,300	808,600
	Total	31,404	76,877	692,330	200,339	965,805	1,858,474	4,897	460,593	36,624	2,468,869
2000 ^c	Catch	7,984	68	769,548	403,470	473,631	1,646,649	4,090	193,694	13,951	1,866,436
	Escapement	51,000	184,600	95,000	0	275,000	370,000	500	182,700	8,400	797,200
	Total	58,984	184,668	864,548	403,470	748,631	2,016,649	4,590	376,394	22,351	2,663,636
2001 ^c	Catch	5,482	0	205,041	165,878	527,284	898,203	1,975	174,363	16,263	1,096,286
	Escapement	33,000	115,000	59,000	300	351,000	410,300	500	207,100	8,600	774,500
	Total	38,482	115,000	264,041	166,178	878,284	1,308,503	2,475	381,463	24,863	1,870,786

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							Combined	Port Moller			
		Outer Port	Inner				Ilnik, Three	Bight &		Caribou Flats	Northern
		Heiden ^a and	Port			Bear	Hills, & Bear	Herendeen-	Nelson	&	District
Year		Cinder River	Heiden	Ilnik	Three Hills	River ^b	R. Sections	Moller Bay	Lagoon	Black Hills	Totals
2002 ^c	Catch	1,548	111	121,054	251,377	596,270	968,701	1,022	325,904	35,744	1,333,030
	Escapement	11,500	54,100	43,000	650	324,000		1,500	338,400	12,000	785,150
	Total	13,048	54,211	164,054	252,027	920,270	1,336,351	2,522	664,304	47,744	2,118,180
2003 ^c	Catch	2,775	0	267,495	238,674	491,857	998,026	44	373,252	40,126	1,414,223
	Escapement	102,700	114,000	69,000	300	432,000	501,300	500	364,211	11,100	1,093,811
	Total	105,475	114,000	336,495	238,974	923,857	1,499,326	544	737,463	51,226	2,508,034
2004 ^c	Catch	0	0	1,115,036	63,935	611,147	1,790,118	0	527,637	17,604	2,335,359
	Escapement	58,050	103,700	82,000	600	467,000	549,600	2,250	515,397	17,900	1,246,897
	Total	58,050	103,700	1,197,036	64,535	1,078,147	2,339,718	2,250	1,043,034	35,504	3,582,256
2005 ^c	Catch	116	1,835	1,370,001	193,621	1,030,989	2,594,611	12	334,702	9,971	2,941,247
	Escapement	141,000	113,100	154,000	5,700	655,300	815,000	500	303,000	47,500	1,420,100
	Total	141,116	114,935	1,524,001	199,321	1,686,289	3,409,611	512	637,702	57,471	4,361,347
2006 ^c	Catch	0	1,151	1,317,901	153,343	576,552	2,047,796	0	255,265	8,430	2,312,642
	Escapement	101,100	142,610	88,000	1,800	493,000	582,800	3,000	226,000	7,530	1,063,040
	Total	101,100	143,761	1,405,901	155,143	1,069,552	2,630,596	3,000	481,265	15,960	3,375,682
1987-2	2006 Average	:									
	Catch	4,132	2,944	645,675	326,353	780,196	1,752,224	3,188	317,337	14,177	2,094,001
	Escapement	45,478	70,231	66,770	563	451,745		1,218	257,245	11,007	904,255
	Total	49,610	73,174	712,445	326,916	1,231,941	2,271,301	4,405	574,582	25,184	2,998,256
1997-2	2006 Average										
	Catch	5,357	651	701,660	204,048	575,932	1,481,641	1,903	296,792	22,484	1,808,829
	Escapement	60,075	100,231	79,860	1,015	427,240	508,115	1,285	271,551	13,813	955,070
	Total	65,432	100,882	781,520	205,063	1,003,172	1,989,756	3,188	568,343	36,297	2,763,898

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Year	Outer Port Heiden ^a and Cinder River	Inner Port Heiden	Ilnik	Three Hills	Bear	Combined Ilnik, Three Hills, & Bear R. Sections	Port Moller Bight & Herendeen- Moller Bay	Nelson Lagoon	Caribou Flats & Black Hills	Northern District Totals
2002-2006 Average ^c Catch Escapement Total	888 82,870 83,758	619 105,502 106,121	838,297 87,200 925,497	180,190 1,810 182,000	661,363 474,260 1,135,623	1,679,850 563,270 2,243,120	216 1,550 1,766	363,352 349,402 712,754	22,375 19,206 41,581	2,067,300 1,121,800 3,189,100

Note: catch numbers do not include test fish harvest or fish retained for personal use.

^a Outer Port Heiden Section catches occurred only between 1986 and 1989. This section has been closed since 1989.

^b Escapement includes all sockeye systems, mainly Bear and Sandy Rivers combined with post weir estimates.

^c Escapements are indexed totals except for Bear, Sandy, Ilnik, and Nelson Rivers where weir and tower counts are used.

^d These figures are extrapolated estimates.

^e Ilnik Section and Three Hills Section combined.

Table 4.-Sockeye salmon escapement goals and objectives by system, the 1997-2006 average escapement, and the 2006 escapement within the vicinity of the Nelson Lagoon to Strogonof Point reach.

	Nelson	River	Bear F	River	Sandy I	River	Ilnik F	River	Meshik I	River	Cinder F	River
Year	Escapement ^a	Goal	Escapement	Goal	Escapement	Goal	Escapement ^b	Goal	Escapement ^c	Goal	Escapement ^d	Goal
1986	•		272,500						26,400		25,700	
1987			258,000						28,300		15,300	
1988			310,000						35,900		2,000	
1989	193,300		451,000						11,200		4,000	
1990	240,700		546,800				_		26,800		14,000	
1991	268,400		606,000				135,000		26,500		47,400	
1992	162,300		450,000				45,000		33,100		15,200	
1993	207,200		452,000	200,000	_		70,000		50,000		20,000	
1994	325,300		465,000	200,000 to	115,000		75,000		44,900		83,400	
1995	329,400	100,000	305,000	250,000	125,000		39,000		85,600	10,000	47,500	6,000
1996	250,500	to	367,000	230,000	64,000		62,000		60,000	to	60,000	to
1997	183,100	150,000	360,000		38,000		82,000	40,000	40,000	20,000	33,000	12,000
1998	159,800		415,000		52,000		50,000	40,000 to	59,200		57,000	
1999	202,067		350,000		58,000	40,000	75,000	60,000	76,000		12,400	
2000	182,700		275,000		40,000	to	95,000	00,000	184,600		51,000	
2001	201,962		300,000		51,000	60,000	58,000		115,000		33,000	
2002	315,693		275,000		49,000		43,000		54,100		11,500	
2003	343,511		366,000		66,000		69,000		114,000		102,700	
2004	480,097	97,000	435,000	293,000	32,000		82,000		103,700		58,050	
2005	303,000	to	554,000	to	101,000		154,000		113,100		141,000	
2006	215,000	219,000	445,000	488,000	48,000		88,000		142,610		101,100	
Average					·				·			
1997-2006	258,693		377,500		53,500		79,600		100,231		60,075	
2002-2006	331,460		415,000		59,200		87,200		105,502		82,870	

^a Does not include David or Caribou Rivers.

^b In 2005 and 2006 Ocean River did not flow into Ilnik Lagoon. The Ocean River escapement of 24,000 was added to Ilnik R. weir count in 2005 and 13,000 added in 2006.

^c Includes all streams draining into Inner Port Heiden.

^d Includes Mud Creek.

^e Estimates are based on weir counts added to post weir escapement estimates. Only those years when weirs were present are included in the table.

Table 5.-North Alaska Peninsula coho salmon catches by district and section, 1997-2006.

a i	1005	1000	1000	2000	2001	2002	2002	2004	2005	2006	1997-2006
Section	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average
Northwestern District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.005
Urilla Bay	0 270	3,561 126	1,686 486	5,601 27	0	0	0	0	0	0 23	1,085 93
Swanson Lagoon					_				_		
Bechevin Bay ^a	42	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	18
Izembek - Moffet Bay ^a	0	0	0	0	23	25	37	15	901	92	109
Northwestern											
District Total	312	3,687	2,202	5,628	23	25	37	15	901	224	1,305
Northern District											
Black Hills	212	533	250	259	86	335	423	356	78	140	267
Caribou Flats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson Lagoon	32,260	33,700	8,536	25,017	2,918	6,712	30,620	29,879	46,486	66,874	28,300
Herendeen - Moller Bay ^b	256	78	297	19	42	29	7	0	0	0	73
Bear River	6,330	6,011	14,029	10,111	10,031	13,080	10,379	1,743	9,046	11,580	9,234
Three Hills	6,048	10,221	9,298	5,630	3,135	5,863	3,982	944	2,177	4,422	5,172
Ilnik	5,377	23,886	17,468	12,584	4,488	2,387	5,617	649	7,870	10,715	9,104
Inner Port Heiden	18,544	5,705	835	11,623	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,671
Outer Port Heiden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cinder River	25,437	50,903	992	12,784	1,439	320	2,072	334	2,122	0	9,640
Northern											
District Total	94,464	131,037	51,705	78,027	22,139	28,726	53,100	33,905	67,779	93,731	65,461
North Peninsula											
Total	94,776	134,724	53,907	83,655	22,162	28,751	53,137	33,920	68,680	93,955	66,767

Note: catch numbers do not include test fish harvest or fish retained for personal use.

^a Statistical area 311-58 was moved from the Bechevin Bay Section to the Izembek-Moffet Bay Section in 2001.

^b Includes Port Moller Bight Section.

Table 6.-Estimated run potential of four sockeye salmon systems on the North Alaska Peninsula.

	_	Estimated R	un Using R/S x Avera	ge Escapement ^a
	_	Estimated	Estimated	Range Using
	2002-2006	Total Run	Using 80% Con	fidence Interval
System	Average Escapement	Potential ^b	Low	High
Bear River				
Early Run	271,000	990,000	582,000	1,397,000
Late Run	144,000	599,000	328,000	869,000
Nelson River	331,000	502,000	260,000	744,000
Sandy River	59,000	216,000	69,000	363,000
Ilnik River	87,000	318,000	88,000	549,000
Totals	892,000	2,625,000	1,327,000	3,922,000

^a Run potential for Bear (early), Sandy, and Ilnik R. runs is based on the 5 year average escapement and average return per spawner of 3.65:1, which is the actual R/S for the late Bear River run from 1994-98. The Bear (late) and Nelson River runs are based on forecasts.

^b Does not include production from Northern District sockeye systems, which have averaged 210,998 sockeye salmon from 2002-2006 other than Nelson, Bear, Sandy, and Ilnik rivers.

Table 7.-Selected Northern District Alaska Board of Fisheries regulation changes.

Year	Board of Fisheries Regulation Changes
1988	Reduced the weekly fishing period in the Ilnik Section 24 hours to 6:00 AM Monday to 6:00 P.M. Wednesday over concern for Unangashak River coho salmon and Ilnik River sockeye salmon stocks.
1990	Closed the Outer Port Heiden Section to Area M and Area T permit holders over interception concerns for migrating coho salmon into Port Heiden.
	Closed the outer portion of the Ilnik Section to Area T permit holders.
	Delayed the season opening in that portion of the Ilnik Section between Unangashak Bluffs and Strogonof Point from July 5 to July 15, over sockeye salmon interception concerns with Bristol Bay.
1992	The minimum gillnet mesh size restriction of $5\frac{1}{4}$ " was removed in the Bear River Section after July 20. The remainder of the North Peninsula minimum $5\frac{1}{4}$ " gillnet mesh restriction remains in effect.
1996	The minimum gillnet mesh restriction of 5¼" was removed in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight and Nelson Lagoon Sections to fully utilize local salmon stocks.
1998	The minimum gillnet mesh restriction of 51/4" was removed after July 24 in the Three Hills and Ilnik Sections.
	The Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan (5 AAC 09.369) was adopted. Early fishing time in the Ilnik Section southwest of Unangashak Bluffs between June 25 and July 4 is permitted if certain strong Ilnik River escapement levels are met. If early fishing is permitted, the maximum continuous fishing time is 24 hours, followed by at least a 24 hour closure, a sockeye salmon cap of 100,000 fish, and that portion of the Ilnik Section northeast of Unangashak Bluffs to Strogonof Point will remain closed from July 15 to July 25. Ugashik River sockeye salmon considered in the management of the Ilnik Section prior to July 20.
2001	The minimum gillnet mesh size restriction of 51/4" was removed from the entire North Peninsula to fully utilize local stocks and provide a management tool to control escapement quality.
2004	The Ilnik Section portion of the management plan was changed and early fishing was allowed beginning on June 25 in the entire Ilnik Section if Ilnik and Meshik river sockeye salmon escapement warrant. That portion of the plan with the 100,000 sockeye salmon cap, and 24 hour maximum continuous fish time, and potential extended closure of the Strogonof point area were removed from the plan. Ugashik River sockeye salmon still considered in the management of the Ilnik Section prior to July 20.

Table 8.-Sockeye salmon stocks used to manage three sections in the Northern District.

	Sockeye Salmon	Stocks
Section	Pre July 21	Post July 20
Bear R.	Bear R., Sandy R.	Bear R., Sandy R.
Three Hills	Bear R., Sandy R., Ilnik R.	Bear R., Sandy R.
Ilnik SW of Unangashak Bluffs	Ilnik R., Ugashik R. ^a	Bear R.
NE of Unangashak Bluffs to Strogonof Point	Ilnik R., Meshik R., Ugashik R. ^a	Bear R.
Nelson Lagoon	Nelson R.	Nelson R.

^a Ugashik Rivers sockeye salmon will be considered only if a management concern exists for these stocks.

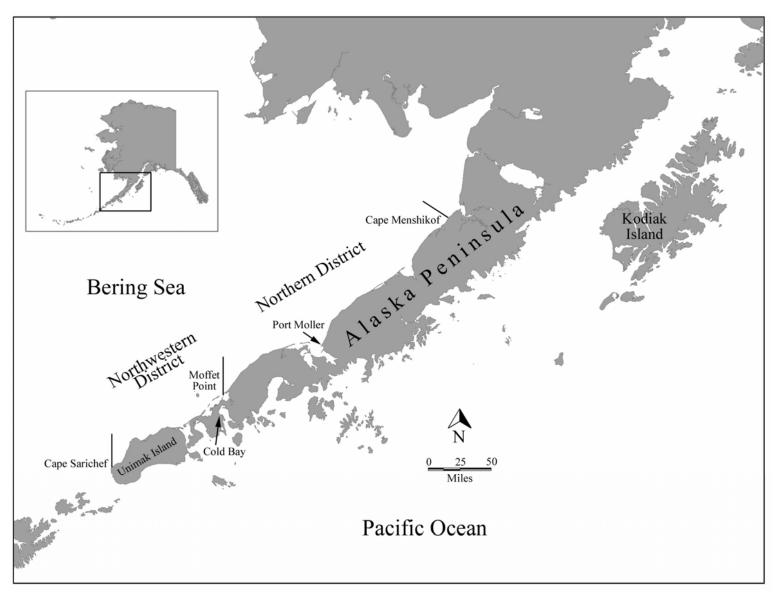


Figure 1.-Map of the Alaska Peninsula with the North Alaska Peninsula commercial salmon fishing districts depicted.

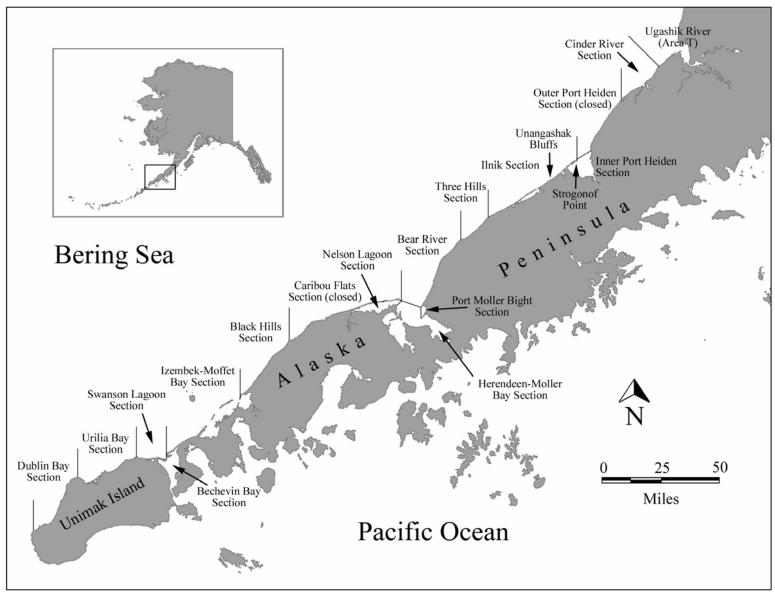


Figure 2.-Alaska Peninsula with North Alaska Peninsula Management Area commercial salmon fishing districts depicted.

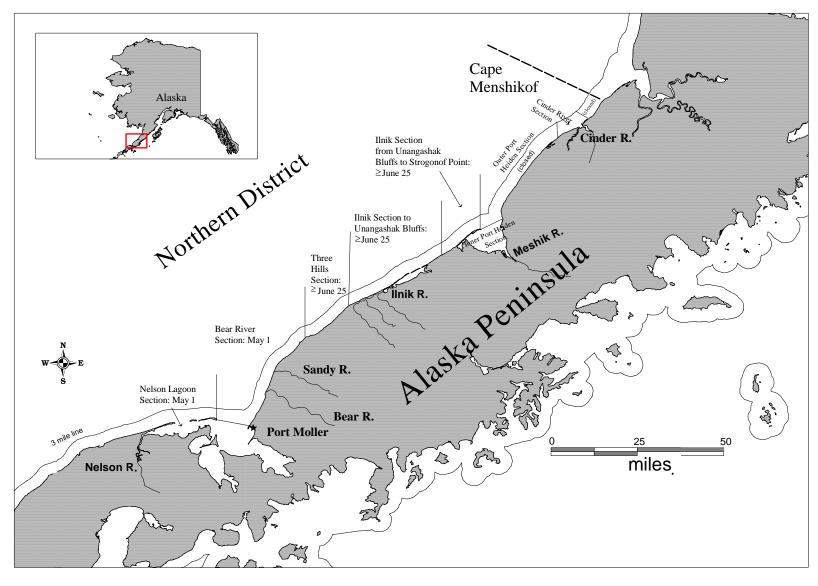


Figure 3.-Map of the Nelson Lagoon to Cape Menshikof area of the Northern District with sections, commercial salmon season opening dates, and major sockeye salmon systems depicted.

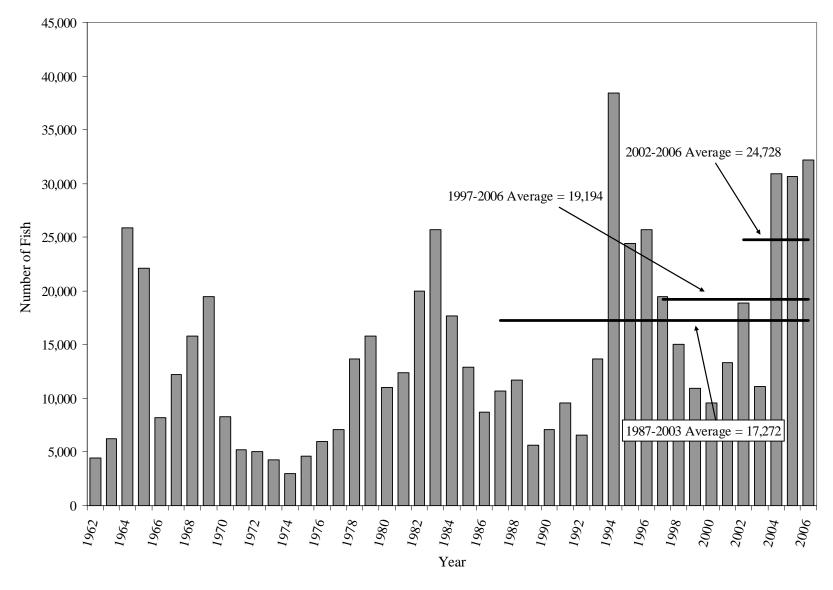


Figure 4.-North Alaska Peninsula Chinook salmon escapement by year, 1962-2006.

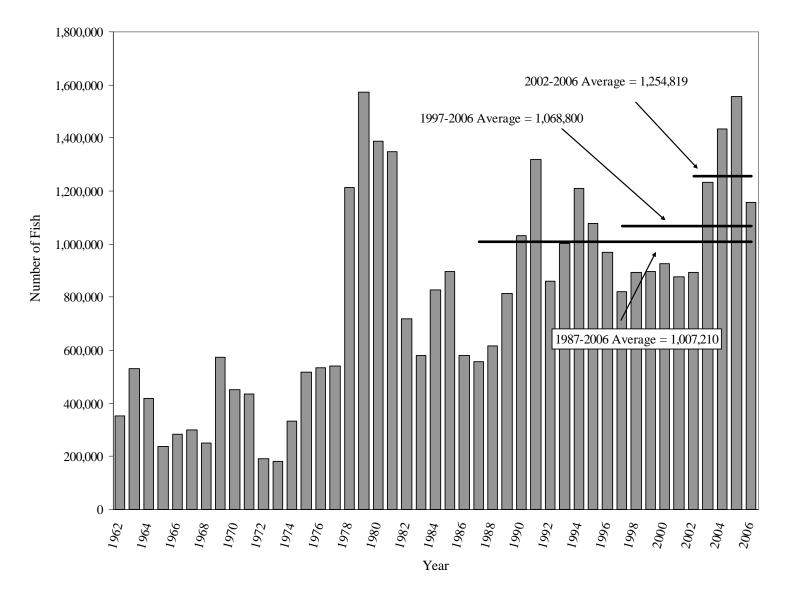


Figure 5.-North Alaska Peninsula sockeye salmon escapement, 1962-2006.

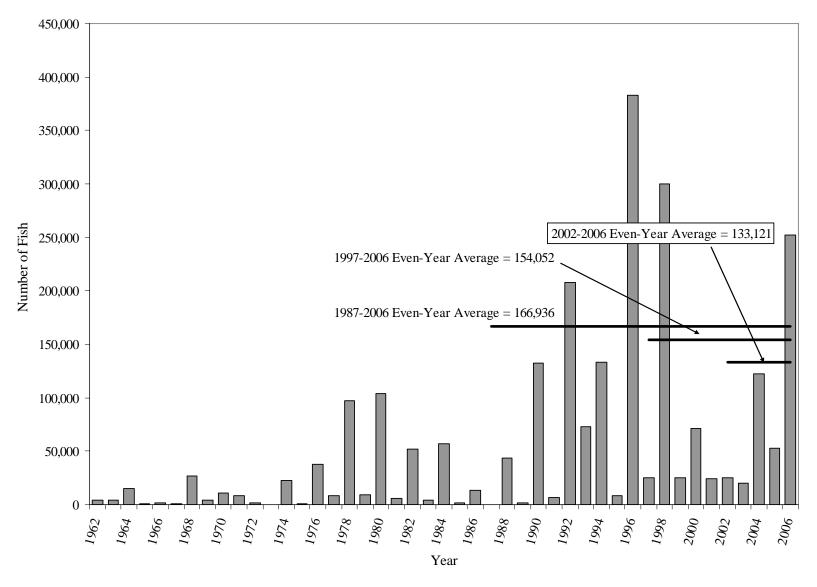


Figure 6.-North Alaska Peninsula pink salmon escapement by year, 1962-2006.

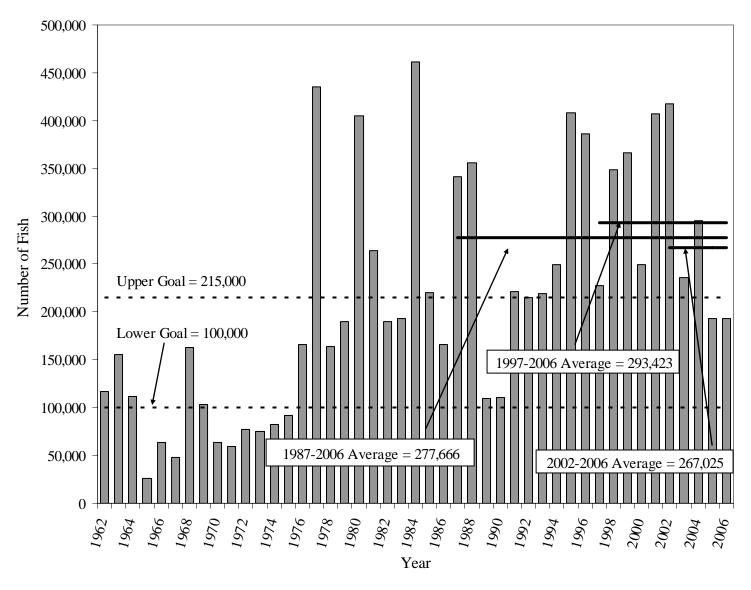


Figure 7.-Northwestern District chum salmon escapement by year, 1962-2006.

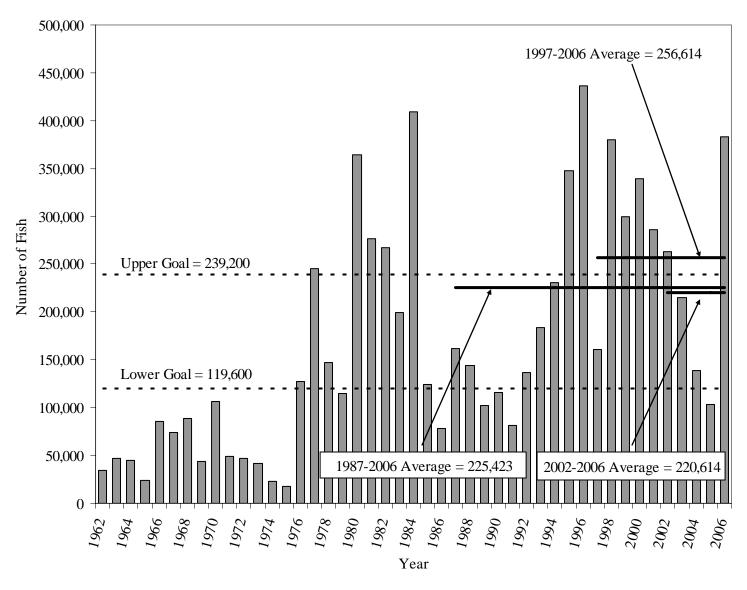


Figure 8.-Northern District chum salmon escapement by year, 1962-2006.

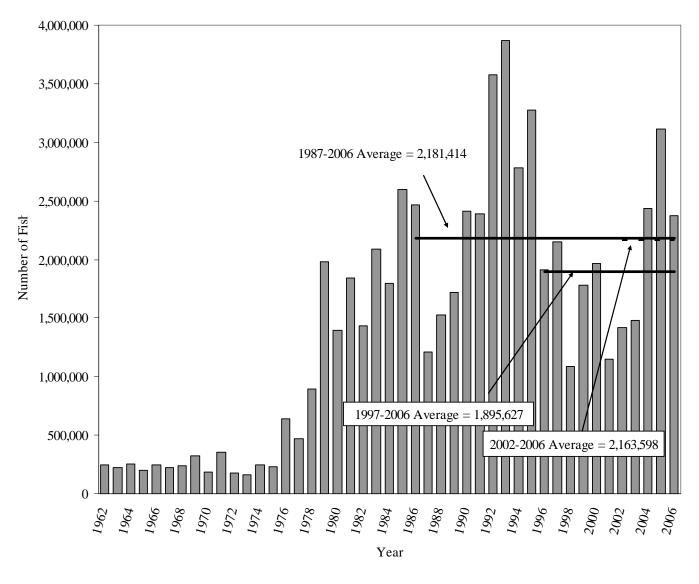


Figure 9.-North Alaska Peninsula commercial sockeye salmon harvest, 1962-2006.

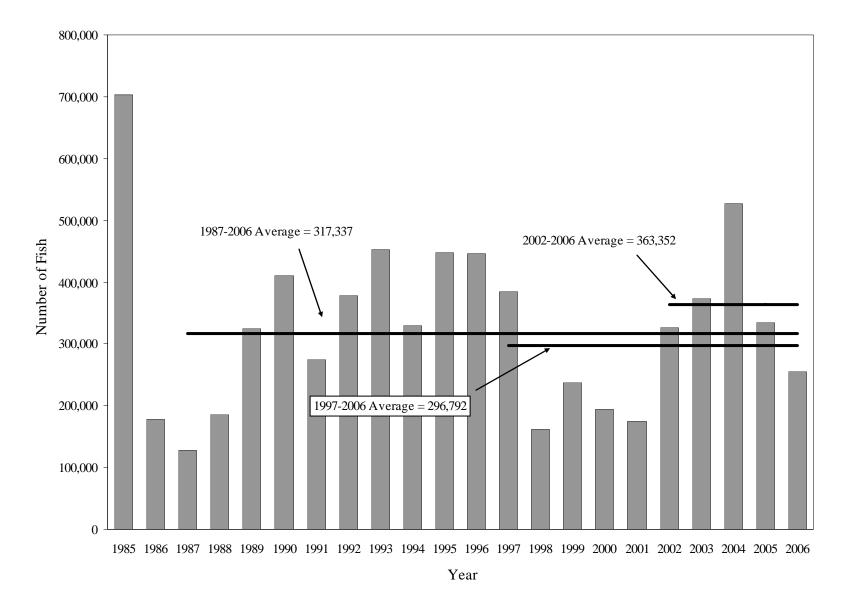


Figure 10.-Nelson Lagoon commercial sockeye salmon harvest, 1985-2006.

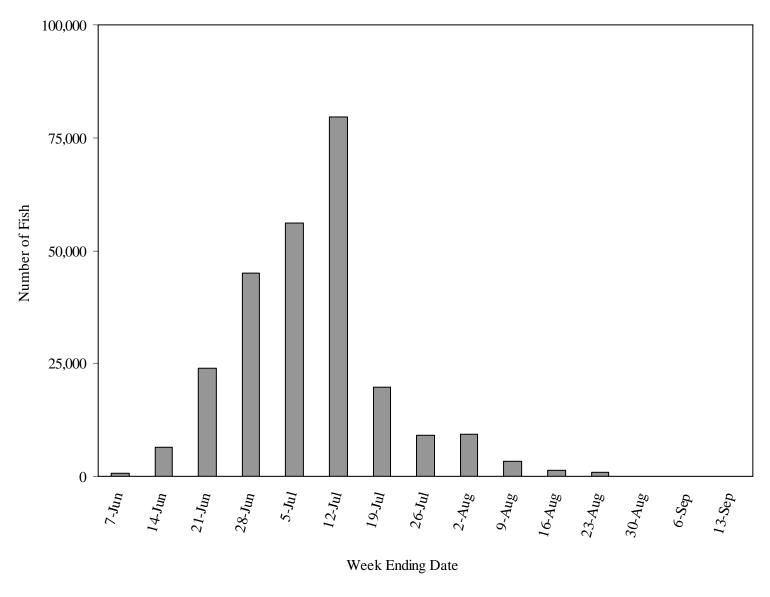


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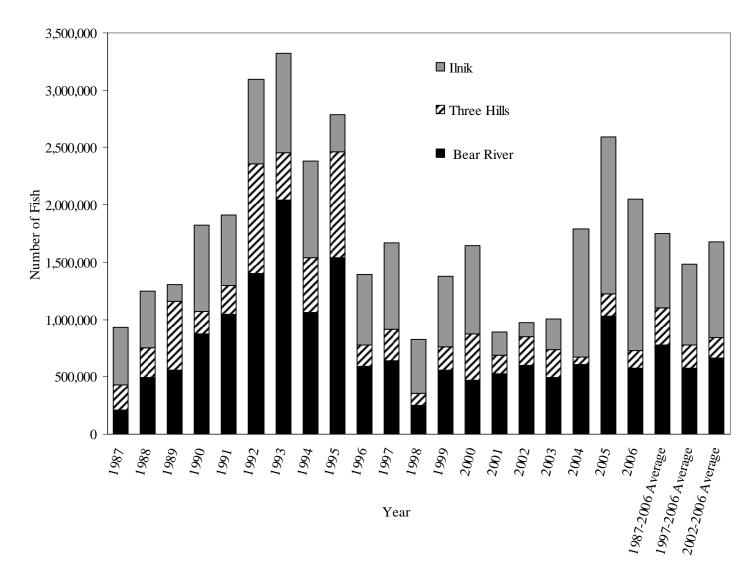
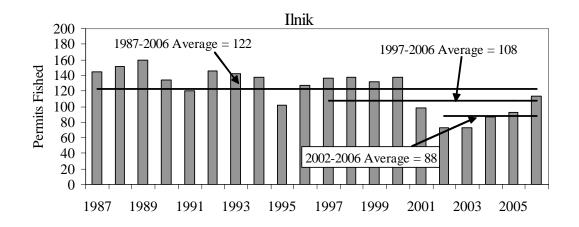
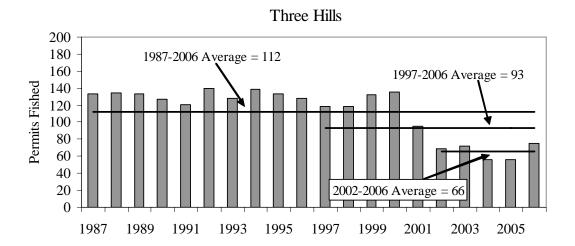


Figure 12.-Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik sections commercial sockeye salmon harvest, 1985-2006.





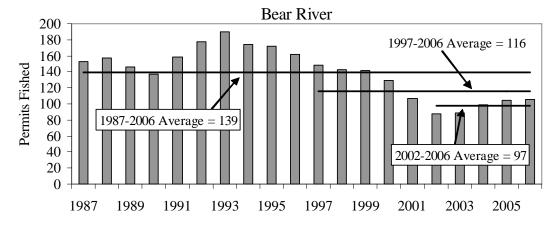


Figure 13.-Number of commercial salmon permits fished in the Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik sections, 1984-2006.

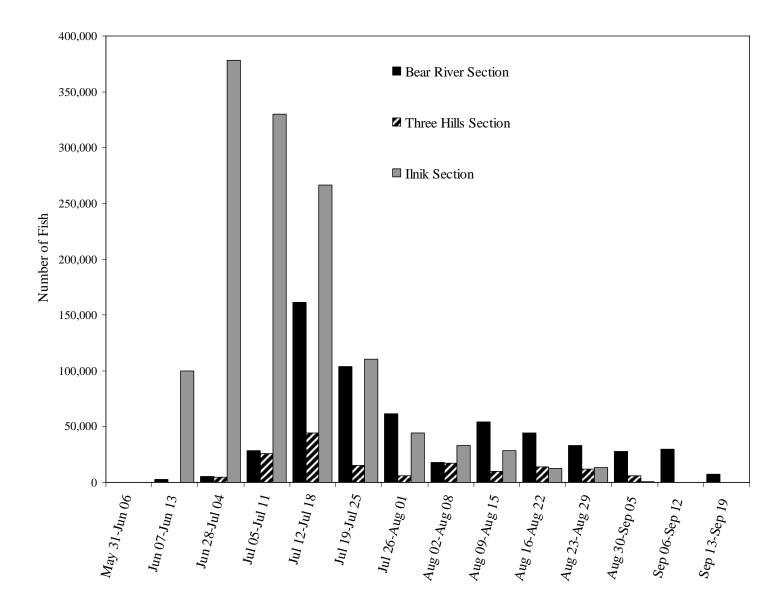


Figure 14.-Port Moller to Strogonof Point sockeye salmon harvest by week, 2006.

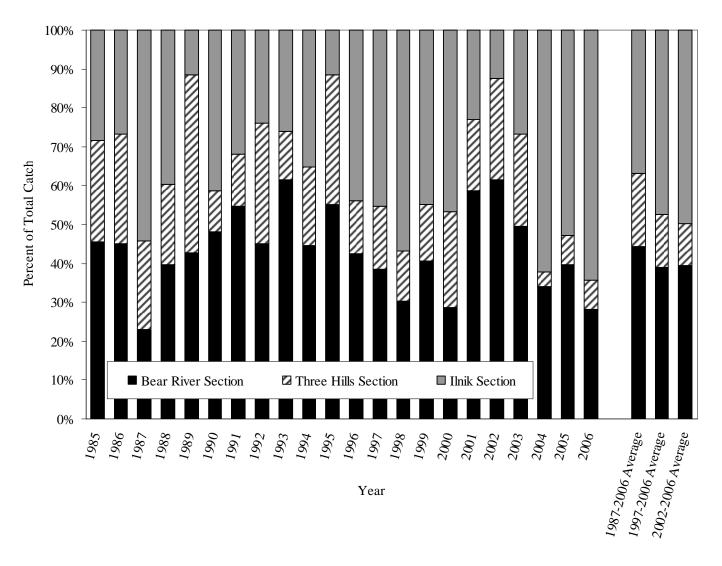


Figure 15.-Percent of the commercial sockeye salmon harvest from the Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik sections, 1985-2006.

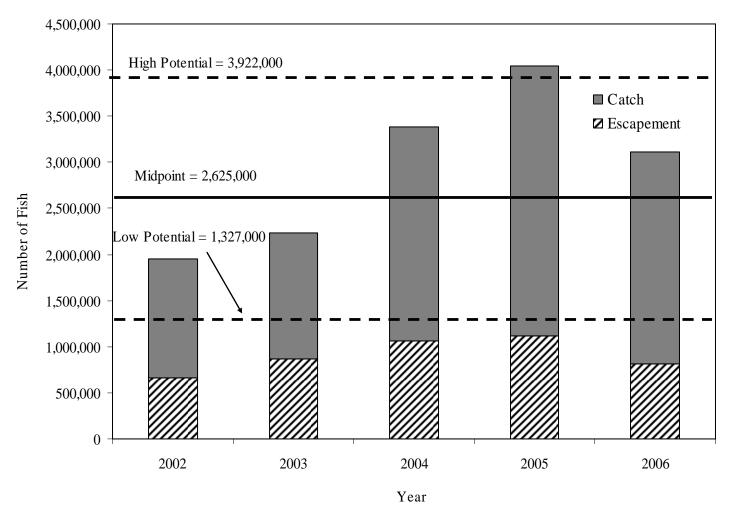


Figure 16.-Nelson Lagoon to Strogonof Point actual sockeye salmon escapement and catch, and estimated run potential with low and high range estimates for 2002-2006.

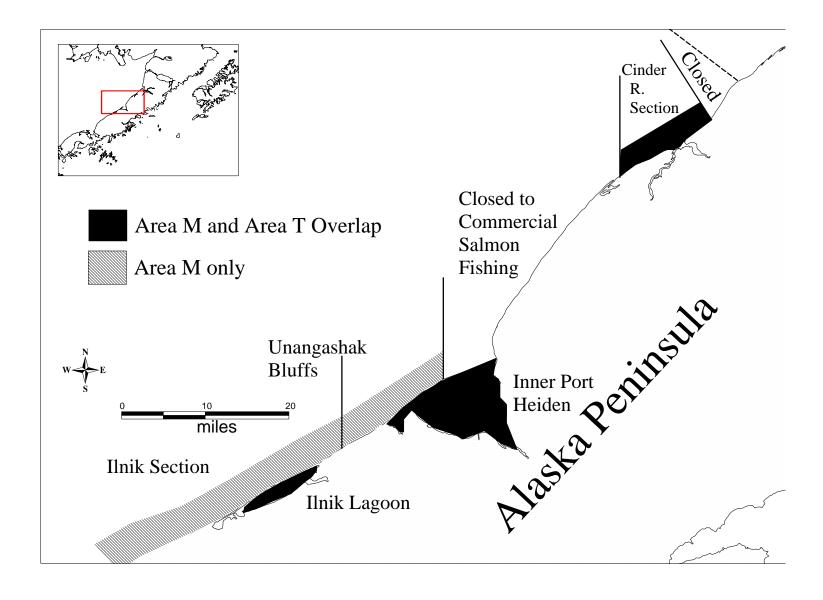


Figure 17.-Alaska Peninsula (Area M) and Bristol Bay (Area T) commercial salmon fishing overlap areas.

APPENDIX A. ESC	APEMENT ANI) PEAK ESCAPE	MENT COUNTS

Appendix A1.-North Alaska Peninsula estimated total escapement for Chinook, sockeye, pink, and chum salmon, and peak escapement counts for coho salmon, 2006.

NORTHWEST	TERN DISTRICT					
			Nun	nber of Salmor	$\mathbf{n}^{\mathbf{a}}$	
Stream No.	Stream Name	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
URILIA BAY	SECTION					
311-30.06	Divide Cr.		30			
311-30.07	Whaleback Mtn. Cr.		35,675			
311-30.08	Christianson Lgn.	0	5,800		0	0
Christianson L	agoon System total	0	41,505	0	0	0
311-30.09	Mudhole	0	750		0	0
311-30.10	Clear Lgn.	0	2,800		0	0
Peterson Lagoo	on System total	0	3,550	0	0	0
311-40.01	Emil's River	0	0		0	0
311-40.04	North Cr.	0	0		0	0
311-40.07	Otter Point Cr.	0	0		0	0
Total Urilia Ba	ny Section	0	45,055	0	0	0
SWANSON LA	AGOON SECTION					
311-50.01	Big River	0	0		0	0
311-50.02	Swanson Lgn. System	0	376	800		8,575
	Lagoon Section	0	376	800	0	8,575
BECHEVIN B	AY SECTION	0	0		0	0
311-60.01	St. Catherine Cove	0	0	6,400	0	47,225
311-60.06	Anderson's Cr.	0	0		0	
311-60.07 & .08	8 Trader's Cove	0	3,100		98,500	4,000
311-60.12	Warm Springs Bay	0	30		2,200	1,800
311-60.13	Hungry's Cr.	0	4,750		15,375	0
311-6018	Lampsport Lagoon	0	0		0	0
Total Bechevin	Bay Section	0	7,880	6,400	116,075	53,025
IZEMBEK-M	OFFET BAY SECTION					
312-20.01	Norma Bay Lakes	0	175		240	270
312-20.02	Mike's Duck Camp Cr.	0	155	270	2,200	770
312-20.03	Norma Bay, South	0	300	8,700	7,000	3,275
312-20.04	Third Bridge Cr.	0		300	2,900	0
312-20.05	Frosty Cr.	0	1,930	3,800	0	17,075
312-20.06	Blue Bill Lake	0	430		0	0
312-20.13	Outer Marker Lakes	0	2,640	200	0	0
312-20.51	Springs S Frosty Cr.	0	150		0	0
312-20.52	Second Bridge Cr.	0	3,150	450	0	0
Izembek Lagoo	n Total	0	8,930	13,720	12,340	21,390
312-40.01	Joshua Green River	0	28,575	600	0	98,600
312-40.02	Moffet Springs Cr.	0	850	960		9,500
312-40.03	Moffet Cr.	0	2,700	900	500	2,370
312-40.04	Unnamed	0	140		0	0
312-40.05	Unnamed	0	0		0	
Moffet Bay tota		0	32,265	2,460	500	110,470
Total Izembek	-Moffet Bay Section	0	41,195	16,180	12,840	131,860
NORTHWEST	TERN DISTRICT TOTAL	0	94,506	23,380	128,915	193,460

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NORTHERN D	ISTRICT					
				nber of Salmon		
Stream No.	Stream Name	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
BLACK HILLS						
313-10.02	North Cr.	0	7,530	3,000	0	1,610
313-10.05	Cathedral River	0	0		0	0
313-10.06	Russian River	0	0		0	100
313-10.09	AMOCO Airstrip Cr.	100	0	5,000	0	0
313-10.11	Black Hills Cr.	4,500	0	6,500	0	0
313-10.14	Steelheed Cr.	5,800	0	4,000	0	0
Total Black Hill	s Section	10,400	7,530	18,500	0	1,710
NELSON LAGO	OON SECTION					
313-30.01	David's R. (early)	0	0		0	0
313-30.01 & .04	David's R. (late)	0	4,000	1,000	0	0
313-30.02	Caribou River	0	7,000		0	500
313-30.03	Nelson (Sapsuk) River	2,516	215,000	19,000	313	14,600
Total Nelson La		2,516	226,000	20,000	313	15,100
HERENDEEN-	MOLLER BAY SECTION	N				
314-20.02	Doe Valley	0	0		0	10,000
314-20.03	Buck Valley	0	0	50	0	6,500
314-20.04	Deer Valley	0	0	600	20,000	33,200
314-20.05	Portage Valley	0	0	100	0	9,000
314-20.06	Grass Valley	0	3,000	14,000	35,000	25,000
314-20.07	Lawence Valley	0	0	20,000	3,000	47,000
314-20.08	Mine Hbr.	0	0	7,	0	2,050
314-20.09	Coal Cr.	0	0	500	3,000	21,000
Herendeen Bay t		0	3,000	35,250	61,000	153,750
314-30.04	Mud Bay, West	0	0	1,900	2,000	6,000
314-30.05	Mud Bay, East	0	0	800	1,000	6,000
314-30.07	Head Cr., Rt Head	0	0	10	0	2,000
314-30.09	Right Head Cr.	0	0	6,200	2,000	11,000
314-30.10	Left Head Cr.	0	0	8,000	3,500	9,500
Moller Bay total		o	o	16,910	8,500	34,500
	1-Moller Bay Section	0	3,000	52,160	69,500	188,250
BEAR RIVER S	SECTION					
315-10.01	Frank's Lgn.	0	0	2,000	7,000	6,000
315-10.02	King Salmon R.	1,300	0	3,000	3,000	4,000
315-11.02	Bear River	300	445,000	2,000	6,162	120
315-12.01	Sandy River	2,500	48,000	3,000	234	5,000
Total Bear Rive	·	4,100	493,000	10,000	16,396	15,120
THREE HILLS	SECTION					
316-10.01	Lime Cr.	0	0	300	1,800	2,000
316-10.01	Unnamed	0	0	500	1,200	1,200
316-10.02	SW of 3-Hills	0	1,800	6,000	200	900
Total Three Hill		0	1,800	6,800	3,200	4,100
Total Tillee fill	s section	U	1,000	0,000	3,400	4,100

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NORTHERN DIS	STRICT (continued)					
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Stream No.	Stream Name	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
ILNIK SECTION			z s sus j s			
316-10.05	Ocean River	0	13,000	4,000	0	0
316-20.01	Ilnik Lagoon System	57	75,000	27,000	238	3
316-20.04	Unanagashak	0	0	11,000	0	0
Total Ilnik Section	n	57	88,000	42,000	238	3
INNER PORT H	EIDEN SECTION					
317-20.02	Charles Cr.	0	2,100		3,000	1,800
317-20.04 A & B	Red & Yellow Bluff Creeks	0	24,000		4,000	2,200
317-20.06	Highland Cr.	800	2,500	600	0	0
West Port Heiden	•	800	28,600	600	7,000	4,000
317-20.07 A	Meshik River, main stem	0	37,000	47,000	12,000	18,000
317-20.07 B	Braided Cr.	2,200	8,000	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	0	5,000
317-20.07 C	Landlocked Cr.	0	8,000		0	0
317-20.07 D	Bluff Cr.	2,100	0		0	0
317-20.07 E	Blue Violet Cr.	0	16,000		0	13,000
317-20.07 F	Wolf Cr.	800	4,200		0	9,000
317-20.07 G	Unnamed	0	0		0	800
317-20.07 H	Shoe Cr.	0	2,100		0	15,500
317-20.07 J	Unnamed	0	0		0	300
317-20.07 K	Unnamed	0	12,000		0	9,200
317-20.07 L	Unnamed	2,000	7,000		0	4,000
317-20.07 M	Unnamed	0	2,500		0	0
317-20.07 N	Unnamed	0	8,000		0	1,000
317-20.07 O	Plenty Bear Cr.	3,000	7,000		0	9,100
317-20.07 O-A	Paddle Cr.	0	0		0	12,000
317-20.07 P	Waterfall Cr.	0	2,000		0	4,000
317-20.07 R	Rainbow Cr.	0	200		0	13,000
317-20.07 T	Cub Cr.	0	10		0	600
Meshik River total	l	10,100	114,010	47,000	12,000	114,500
317-20.08	Birthday Cr.	0	0		900	6,000
317-20.09	Barabara Cr.	0	0		0	0
Total Inner Port	Heiden Section	10,900	142,610	47,600	19,900	124,500
OUTER PORT H	IEIDEN SECTION					
318-10.01	Reindeer Cr.	0	0		0	0
Total Outer Port	Heiden Section	0	0	0	0	0

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NORTHERN	DISTRICT (continued)												
		Number of Salmon ^a											
Stream No.	Stream Name	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum							
CINDER RIV	ER SECTION												
318-20.01	Unnamed	0	0		0	0							
318-20.04	Mud Cr.	500	49,000		4,000	0							
318-20.06 A	Cinder River, main stem	2,100	23,000	9,000	4,000	27,000							
318-20.06 B	Unnamed	0	0		0	0							
318-20.06 C	Unnamed	0	0		0	0							
318-20.06 D	Lava Creek	0	22,000		0	0							
318-20.06E	High Creek	0	500		0	0							
318-20.06 H	Meloy Cr.	500	6,000		0	3,000							
318-20.06 J	Wiggly Cr.	200	0		0	1,500							
318-20.06 K	Ray Cr.	900	600		3,000	2,000							
318-20.06 L	Unnamed	0	0		3,000	300							
Cinder River i	total	3,700	52,100	9,000	10,000	33,800							
Total Cinder	River Section	4,200	101,100	9,000	14,000	33,800							
NORTHERN	DISTRICT TOTAL	32,173	1,063,040	206,060	123,547	382,583							
TOTAL NOR	RTH PENINSULA	32,173	1,157,546	229,440	252,462	576,043							

^a Chinook, sockeye, pink, and chum salmon numbers are estimated total escapements. Coho salmon numbers are peak counts and based on limited data.

APPENDIX B. SOCKEYE SALMON BROOD TABLE

Appendix B1.-Bear Lake late-run (post July 31) sockeye salmon brood table, 1980-2006.

		_								Age										
	_		3			4			4	5			6			7		8	Total	Return/
Year	Escapement	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.2	2.1	0.4	1.3	2.2	3.1	1.4	2.3	3.2	1.5	2.4	3.3	3.4	Return	Spawner
1980	238,038							0	12,754	400,014	90	54	132,036	330	0	205	17	0	545,500	2.29
1981	214,728				1,134	43,049	9,594	0	6,463	210,579	0	2	47,413	18	0	41	93	0	318,386	1.48
1982	104,503		0	0	657	1,324	1,333	0	7,344	70,269	0	91	197,258	488	0	1,259	847	0	280,870	2.69
1983	172,143	0	0	0	147	5,044	176	0	16,802	134,380	0	488	160,027	2,093	0	89	0	0	319,246	1.85
1984	108,151	0	0	0	429	2,887	19,898	0	23,787	301,375	0	185	142,790	11,014	0	1,261	0	0	503,626	4.66
1985	170,739	0	0	1	592	24,407	14,756	0	138,603	538,445	0	1,058	217,073	38	0	2,789	2,074	0	939,836	5.50
1986	98,921	0	0	172	2,512	62,610	2,269	0	77,677	412,258	0	1,252	301,036	5,751	0	416	4,290	0	870,243	8.80
1987	83,395	0	0	0	910	77,886	17,721	57	19,211	451,063	1,000	321	490,594	25,598	0	1,909	2,341	0	1,088,611	13.05
1988	140,660	0	0	2,101	256	15,096	29,363	77	18,515	370,999	0	109	250,503	224	0	2,886	143	0	690,272	4.91
1989	204,804	0	0	2,599	1,932	6,504	40,756	0	52,714	638,148	0	2,223	322,645	1,191	0	439	67	0	1,069,218	5.22
1990	262,946	0	0	0	1,037	35,887	11,911	82	77,905	795,302	0	94	250,526	13,215	0	751	1,370	0	1,188,080	4.52
1991	173,913	0	0	1,123	211	39,738	15,637	90	32,615	- ,	146	979	91,586	1,564	0	0	1	0	376,415	2.16
1992	195,830	0	0	247	741	7,789	19,961	226	44,890	356,357	0	0	73,155	339	0	44	215	0	503,964	2.57
1993	197,988	0	189	122	7,940	6,631	30,910	1	6,601	366,291	123	184	114,578	5,819	0	100	1,299	32	540,788	2.73
1994	204,441	0	316	1,705	312	20,444	21,371	0	18,139	566,411	0	55	156,901	1,098	32	714	229	0	787,727	3.85
1995	107,961	0	24	1,279	497	30,943	27,553	0	47,482	455,680	0	860	147,895	32	0	1,149	351	0	713,745	6.61
1996	119,629	0	217	1,208	1,287	37,755	8,026	32		271,516	0	301	143,781	19,931	0	423	2,901	0	503,017	4.20
1997	145,311	0	0	527	1,095	5,718	28,904	50	,		201	196	103,653	7,179	0	0	10	0	348,670	
1998	193,420	0	2,749	202	1,549	13,224	10,321	0	13,915	163,150	0	0	20,433	375	0	139	25	0	226,082	1.17
1999	127,890	211	2,058	347	1,316	5,837	27,362	0	1,592	42,043	0	520	32,175	69	0	579	11		114,120	
2000	90,947	15	722	7,625	225	15,160	7,762	69	78,873	491,468	0	1,916	134,683	339						
2001	122,505	134	921	540	3,355	14,271	10,434	106	41,740	203,429	0									
2002	95,520	11	7,476	6,420	2,354	137,064	15,417													
2003	139,799	221	2,665	4,320																
2004	80,435	0																		
2005	221,752																			
2006	182,005															R/S	3.65			

Appendix B2.-Nelson River sockeye salmon brood table, 1978-2006.

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Brood	Ĺ	2	3			4			5				6			7		Total	Return/
Year	Escapement	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.2	2.1	0.4	1.3	2.2	3.1	1.4	2.3	3.2	1.5	2.4	3.3	Return	Spawner
1978															101	2,942	779		
1979												5,620	322,104	542	0	701	170		
1980								299	107,873	492,648	0	131	185,282	202	0	239	44		
1981	251,000				1,759	36,372	46,924	72	41,812	47,275	0	660	13,678	35	0	59	0		
1982	179,600		314	65	5,608	11,464	2,635	67	45,490	143,389	0	123	125,841	1,572	0	963	8	337,539	1.88
1983	128,800	0	852	0	5,740	43,856	23,711	244	72,682	53,532	0	936	66,102	210	0	2,964	2,751	273,580	2.12
1984	251,000	0	624	6,638	1,912	59,603	12,678	206	59,696	276,557	154	449	275,013	10,624	0	17	0	704,171	2.81
1985	314,000	0	168	671	976	77,339	8,037	171	110,618	238,924	0	0	109,028	0	0	1,632	46	547,610	1.74
1986	117,500	40	187	353	4,370	33,650	13	0	188,884	175,014	0	7,801	140,116	285	0	1,817	1,979	554,509	4.72
1987	155,700	0	57	0	1,588	71,043	4,221	143	112	151,270	0	2,986	287,652	7,874	0	3,054	288	530,288	3.41
1988	142,900	0	574	3,357	3,441	132,457	9,261	0	126,716	257,895	0	4,422	129,241	2,311	0	1,025	1,051	671,751	4.70
1989	206,800	0	520	394	3,029	21,813	8,550	0	42,705	422,926	333	510	129,324	2,124	0	104	0	632,332	3.06
1990	269,200	0	274	0	1,836	39,391	15,830	47	104,895	490,010	0	770	66,012	0	0	0	388	719,453	2.67
1991	279,200	0	43	57	850	27,591	29,153	13	93,773	397,612	0	1,059	117,254	0	0	0	0	667,405	2.39
1992	179,700	177	372	367	7,022	101,543	16,002	35	88,011	138,846	0	270	65,466	1,950	0	0	323	420,384	2.34
1993	262,200	0	588	696	6,168	32,200	0	0	101,468	68,567	0	757	43,961	0	0	247	822	255,474	0.97
1994	333,400	0	0	66	1,784	56,338	25,719	0	55,711	278,510	0	187	64,812	2,238	0	396	850	486,611	1.46
1995	338,700	0	408	1,225	9053	40,189	8,048	45	40,011	159,412	0	443	59,776	0	0	427	1,805	320,842	0.95
1996	241,600	0	487	369	4,798	103,080	373	1,351	127,901	121,449	179	258	116,142	29,140	0	284	5,141	510,952	2.11
1997	183,000	0	28	336	11,403	40,783	5,776	0	36,770	364,391	234	781	188,100	3,880	0	1,428	592	654,502	3.58
1998	159,810	0	5,419	603	8,105	49,739	8,673	0	88,210	248,385	1,082	989	122,876	1,015	0	77	738	535,911	3.35
1999	202,067	0	23,892	284	13,776	47,362	104,402	591.003	106,577	677,132	532	1,501	117,938	6,593	0	446	2,055	1,103,081	5.46
2000	182,694	234	10,599	2,296	15,861	42,510	2,498	0	53,774	363,805	0	927	75,988	433					
2001	201,962	2152	34,953	20	15,722	38,048	8,544	705	60,178	252,169	0								
2002	315,689	159	16,950	191	12,230	52,044	4,310												
2003	343,511	820	7,994	784		,													
2004	480,097	0	*																
2005	290,000																		
2006	215,000														1	995-1999	Average l	R/S	3.09
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